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City nervous as Major sets April 9 as election day



Man in a hurry: John Major leaving Buckingham Palace yesterday after his audience with the Queen during which she agreed to dissolve Parliament

Buchanan urged to end Bush challenge

IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Bush said he was past the worst yesterday after scoring victories over Patrick Buchanan, his conservative challenger, in all eight Republican Super

all eight Republican Super Tuesday primaries.

Mr Bush has more than half the 1,105 delegates he needs to secure the nomi-nation, and leading Repub-licans publicly called for Mr Buchanan to abandon his challenge. The column his challenge. The columnist vowed an all-out fight to win the Michigan primary next Tuesday, but did acknowledge that at some point "you've got to look at the writing on the wall". The president's Demo-cratic challenger this an-

tumn looks increasingly likely to be Bill Clinton, the Arkansas governor, who made a clean sweep of Tuesday's six Southern primaries and overwhelmed rival Paul Tsongas in Flori-da, the one state where the two men confronted each other head-on.

Mr Tsongas won his home state of Massachu-setts, neighbouring Rhode Island, and Delaware, but is well behind in the delegate tally, with Mr Clinton having secured more than a third of the total required. The former Massachusetts ther the Michigan or Illinois primaries next week.

Mr Clinton would represent a threat to Mr Bush Continued on page 18, col J

Winners and losers, page 10 Peter Stothard, page 14 BY ROBIN OAKLEY POLITICAL EDITOR

THE phoney election campaign ended yester-day when John Major confirmed he would seek his first mandate from the country on April 9.

with the Queen, the prime minister wrote to the other party leaders and announced in Downing Street that Par-liament would be dissolved

overall Conservative victory. Neil Kinnock promised that he was ready for government with a talented team and the Liberal Democrats would campaign to reform the sys-tem of government in Britain.

expect markets to remain vol-atile over the coming weeks.

Government stocks also fell, largely in reaction to the E28 billion public borrowing requirement for 1992-3. Dealers said the high level of borrowing expected by the Chancellor ruled out a base rate cut. Norman Lamont conceded that any change in interest rates during the campaign would be "quite high risk". The pound closed 0.19 piennigs up against the mark at DM2.8716 in London.

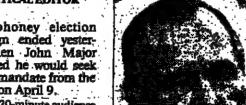
a heavy penalty for prolong-

After a 20-minute audience

Mr Major predicted an Paddy Ashdown pledged that

The City reacted anxiously to Mr Major's announcement, heralding one of the closest elections in postwar years, and to Tuesday's Budget. The London stock market suffered a fall of 52.4 points to 2,522,4, its biggest since the failed Soviet coup last August. Brokers said selling in London was light and they

Mr Major has been forced to gamble, calling the election three months before he had to and with his party marginally. behind Labour in the latest polls. Ministers accept that were boxed into the April 9 contest and would have paid ing the pre-election period. Party strategists saw no.



an American president could do would be to try to inter-vene in an election in nother country. Having said

He told a news conference that Mr Major was "a superb Soviet coup.

benefit in waiting any longer. They have seen the surge they achieved in January after an assault on Labour's taxation plans begin to falter. Mr Maior and his team have accepted that economic activity is unlikely to quicken until the uncertainty of the election is

Speaking outside No 10 shortly after 1pm, Mr Major said there was no doubt up and down the country that business wanted an election. "It needs to know the Conservative party are safely back in government so it can proceed with its investment plans and see this country return from

recession to recovery." Despite opinion poll indications that the country could be heading for a hung parlia-ment, he said: "I am utterly confident we will win the election and we will win the election with a working majority.

"We have got a stack of new ideas to take government closer to the people and make sure that people have more choice, that they have more opportunity. Those are the themes we will be putting forward to the people." Mr Kinnock said: "The

dithering is over. Labour can get on with giving our country a fresh start. The country needs an election because the country needs a new government and new leadership." He rejected suggestions

that Tuesday's Budget had

MAJOR



ment will meet on April 27, when the first business will be the election of the Speaker

ned for 6.30pm.

wait until April before nam-

ing polling day, Mr Major said he had wanted three

issues to be resolved: a suc-cessful outcome to the Maas-

tricht negotiations on Euro-

pean union; the placing of the

new council tax on the statute

book; and the introduction of

a Budget to set out an eco-nomic and taxation frame-

That was completed yes

terday in spectacular fashion by the Chancellor of the Ex-

chequer," he said. He went

on to contrast the Conserva-

tives' commitment to low tax

ation, greater individual

choice and greater indepen-dence with "a principal Op-position party committed to higher taxation for the high

paid, committed I now un-

derstand to higher taxation for the low paid, the return of more trade union power and

the return to many policies that proved so disastrous in

years gone past".

Mr Kinnock said the Tories

had left Britain "in deep re-

cession and in deep debt"

despite 13 years in govern-ment and £130 billion of

North Sea oil revenue. The

Budget, he said, showed they

work for the years ahead.

leader, and I have worked very closely with him, through very difficult times, I might add," referring to the Gulf war and the abortive

PRESIDENT Bush- gave John Major his personal

"I expect the worst thing

given the Tories a head start. "It is we who are getting a running start and we will be going through the tape first at the end of it," he said. Asked about his lack of

experience in public office, Mr Kinnock said on BBC television: "What I have demonstrated over the years is an ability to lead, to set objectives, sensible objectives, to plan towards those objectives and involve other people in this talented team with working towards those purposes, and to see that they are fulfilled."

Mr Major, who has been prime minister for 16 months, told colleagues about his April 9 election plans at an impromptu morning cabito Buckingham Palace just



Taking a before noon for an audience with the Queen, who gave permission for the dissolution of Parliament on Monday. The meeting had been planleap into the great The election will take place on April 9. The new parlia-

known Joe Joseph witnes be on Wednesday, May 6. Explaining his decision to Downing Street jumping to an obvious conclusion on a

> o be honest, it didn't have L the feel of a snap decision. The three-tiered grand-stand erected for television crews and press photographers opposite the entrance to 10 Downing Street made you feel some thought had gone into this event.

date with destiny

The media had been camped there all morning. Those used to the lengthy waits involved in recording impromptu moments in brought their own sandwiches, there being no convenient snack bars in Downing Street

At 12.30pm, the specially-erected public address system began emitting a voice - "... one, two ... one, two, three, four ..." - making you wonder whether this would be the first prime ministerial statement delivered to the tune of Blue Suede Shoes. The happy-go-lucky atmosphere swelled when a spokesman said John Major would speak at 1.02pm. What a stroke of buck! Just in time to catch the lunchtime news.

At 12.37pm, Mr Major rehad no policies to lead Britain turned from having seen the Queen, looking unsurprised into recovery.

Mr Ashdown, the Liberal Democrat leader, said that to find 150 journalists on his Continued on page 18, col 5 doorstep on a Wednesday lunchtime. Then two lackeys started jiggling with a micro-phone stand while camera-Election reports, page 2 Political notebook, page 8 men yelled "left a bit, right a Leading article bit", the way contestants used and letters, page 15 Matthew Parris, page 18 to on The Golden Shot, until everyone was happy with the Market reports, page 22 Continued on page 18, col 3

The starting gun has been fired and from now on. The Times will be ahead of the field with unrivalled coverage of the race for Downing Street. Today, an eight-page supplement examines the outgoing parliament, the issues and the party strategies. Tomorrow, we will publish the first Mori poll of the campaign. Then and every day, Times writers will be offering comprehensive reportage of the people and policies that matter, expert commentary, and snippets from behind the scenes.

Goodbye to all that



Five years that changed the face of politics and saw the end of Thatcher, Howe and Lawson plus all the other familiar names that are bowing out. Will Westminster be the same without wen, Smith, Healey and Foot? Election 92 Pages I and II

The pundits

Bob Hawke joins the Peter and John Snows, the James Naughties and the Robin Days at the microphone as broadcasters scramble to interview the star Page 2 Diary, page 14





The past

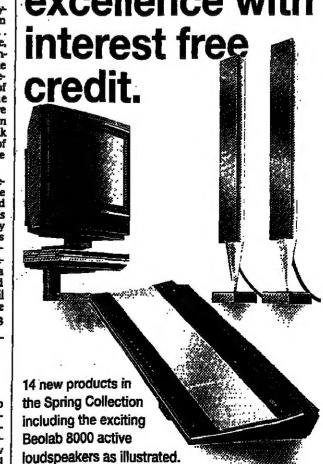
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Bolshoi soprano sings for pensioners' supper mounted a magnificent gala evening to raise money for the cash-strapped Mos-

Births, marriages, deaths Parliament. Concise Crossword

Vishnevskaya: retired

FROM BRUCE CLARK :.

THE struggle to rescue Russia's cultural life from the ravages of economic misfortune won a new and formidable ally vesterday when the soprano Galina Vishnevskaya retirned to the Bolshoi Theatre for the first time since she was expelled from the Soviet Union 18 years

Basking in the admiration of fans and former colleagues. Vishnevskaya announced that takings from a gala con-cert she will give on Sunday, and part of the earnings from her biography would be forwarded to a pension fund for performers at the Bolshoi.

There was thunderous applause as Vishnevskaya, an elegant and youthful 65, was given back her old permit to enter the magnificent but now crumbling premises where she used to be the darling of Soviet audiences — including

Soviet officialdom. She and her husband, the cellist Mstislav Rostropovich. were victimised by the authorities after they gave refuge to the dissident novelist Alexander Solzhenitsyn. She was stripped of her citizenship in 1978 after giving interviews that were strongly critical of the government. "The feelings I experienced when I came to the stage and smelt those curtains cannot be compared to anything," declared the singer, for whom Benjamin Britten wrote a special part in his War Requiem. She was prevented by the Communist lead-

ership from performing it.

The Bolshoi Theatre is only one of several leading Moscow cultural institutions left in desperate financial straits by the wider economic situation and its inability to pay performers anything comparable with their potential earnings in the West.

A group of Russia's new class of young bankers and businesssmen recently

cow Arts Theatre — appropriately dedicated to the memory of the pre-revolutionary tycoon Sasha Morozov who was the institution's initial benefactor. Vishnevskaya appeared on Moscow television this week where she rode roughshod over her several interviewers, refusing to compromise with the usual vague Russian generalities. She condemned the former Soviet system of

Vishnevskaya said that the people who really needed help now, were the retired professionals of Russian culture who had nobody else to help them. Younger performers had to rise or fall on their merits in the international

arts management out of hand, but also

insisted that the new generation of Rus-sian artistes should stand on their own

Politicians give final polish to manifestoes

By VICHOLAS WOOD

ADVANCE copies of the Conservative manifesto will be presented to the cubinet inday as the political phoney war of the past ten weeks gives way to the real thing. Ministers will have one last

chance to tinker with the prospecius on which John Major will fight his first campaign as Tory leader before its official unveiling next week.

The Liberal Democrats were completing their manifesto last night, and Labour leaders will agree theirs on Monday

With the three main parties jockeying for advantage as they approach the starting line for a three-week campaign culminating in the poll on April 9, their election strategists were vesterday coy about details of plans for their manifesto launches

No one wants to one away too much for fear that rivals will launch "spoilers" to take the shine off the lavishly stage-managed productions that will mark the formal opening of hastilities. As one euger, young Tory remarked: "We are in wartime, now. We have to withhold information from the enemy.

Careless talk could cost vates. However, for all the cloak-and-dagger stuff, the pre-campaign timetable was beginning to take shape

Neil Kinnock will refine Labour's appeal with a press conference this morning setting out his key election themes. He will then seek to fully his troops with an endof-term address to the parliamentary Labour party. A few hours later. Mr Major will tread the same path when he appears before the 1922 committee of Top, MPs. Today will see the last

prime minister's question ime of this parliament, and MPs will vote on the Budget tax out topight and approve a short and uncentraversal fe-

By the end of the week, the spoilight will have started to swing away from West-

country. Tory activists will be assembled in Torquay to receive their marching orders from Chris Patten, the party chairman. On Saturday, the prime minister will raise the stakes further when he appears before the party faithful.

Roal attractions will be supplied by the Scottish Labour conference in Edinburgh. where star billing goes to Mr Kinnock's keynote address tomorrow, and Labour's weekend London conference. caruring Bryan Gould, John

Smith and Roy Hattersley. Paddy Ashdown will hold a London press conference tomorrow before flying to Edinburgh and Cardiff to rehearse his doorstep manner. On Saturday, he will seek to drum up support among targe: seats in the West Country and on Sunday he will take to the hustings in London. Parliament will be dis-

solved on Monday, and the Liberal Democrat manifesto will be immaked then or on Tuesday Also on Monday, Labour's national executive committee and the shadow cabinet will approve the manfesto. The next milestone for Labour will be on Tuesday. when Mr Smith outlines his shadow Budget, Mr Kinnock seems almost certain to launch Labour's manifesto on Wednesday before starting the three-week four of the country that he hopes will lead to Downing Street.

Mr Major seems likely to try to steal Mr Smith's thunder by launching the Tory manifesto on Tuesday. By Wednesday or Thursday, he too will be embroiled in a relenticss campaign dominated by breakfast press confernot-so-impromptu walkabouts and endless interviews.

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Taking up the challenge: Mr Kinnock at his home in west London yesterday. Labour says a debate would be "good for democracy"



Eager for debate: Paddy Ashdown outside party headquarters in London yesterday. He has accepted the television invitation

Major fights shy of three-way debate

B1 MELINDA WITTSTOCK

JOHN Major, Neil Kinnock and Paddy Ashdown have been challenged by the BBC and ITN to face the electorate in a live presidential-style television debate days before polling. Such a gladiatorial contest, the first in British political history, could at-tract an audience of at least 20 million if screened jointly on ITY and BBC1, as

Mr Kinnock and Mr

TV COVERAGE

Ashdown have promised to take part but the prime minister is not so eager. Conservative Central Office said yesterday that it "seemed fairly unlikely at this stage" that Mr Major would join a live televised debate. "We're electing a parliament, not a president," a spokesman

vised debate would be "good for democracy". A spokes-

woman for Mr Kinnock said: "Neil has challenged Major televised debate many times. We are a democracy,

this is an important election and the more people are in-formed, the better." The Liberal Democrats said: "Mr Ashdown has long called for such a debate, but it won't happen because he will come across far better than the other two leaders."

Stewart Purvis, ITN's editor-in-chief, said: "The govgrament of the day always goes into an election with an advantage because of the status of the prime minister. A head-to-head debate is considered to put that at risk." A debate was more likely, he said, if the Tories started to trail badly in opinion polls and Mr Major chose to trade on his personal popularity.

The broadcasters' challenge to the three party leaders came as the first salvoes were fired in the battle for viewers throughout the cam-paign. ITN claimed that its coverage would be "sharper" ponderous". Mr Hall, meanwhile, promised that the BBC would be "the nation's debating chamber" and rejected suggestions that its output would be anything less than "superior"

ITN and the BBC promised balanced and impartial coverage and vowed to not let an ever-increasing barrage of complaints from the three parties interfere with their editorial independence. They would set the agenda, not the

Labour would sign = EC social chapter

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A Labour government would sign the social chapter of the Maastricht treaty as one of its first acts before Britain takes over the presidency of the European Community in July, George Robertson. Labour's spokesman on Europe. said yesterday (Michael Binyon writes). Labour would then unblock

European laws which the Conservatives had stalled and weakened, he said. A Labour government would give fulltime rights to part-time workers, regulate working hours and give minimum holiday entitlements, more paid maternity leave and rights to consultation about takeovers and job losses.

"At a time when a new charter seems to be churned out by government departments every day, the Conservatives have refused to accept the one charter that might actually change things for ordinary people in this coun-

try," Mr Robertson said.
The Conservatives had moved from "confrontation under Thatcher to opt-out under Major", he said. Labour wanted "social action frameworks" at Community level, to set out the rights to be implemented through dialogue and agreements be tween employers and unions.

Major sends Thatcher roses

John Major sent a spray of two dozen pink roses to his predecessor Margaret Thatcher at her offices in Belgravia, central London.

The flowers, with a long note attached, were delivered by members of the prime minister's staff as he left No 10 to announce the election date of April 9. Mrs Thatcher was expected to telephone Downing Street immediately after the announcement to pledge her support

Tory MP may

be independent A letter by John Browne, Tory MP for Winchester, to his constituency requesting that Gerry Malone, prospective Tory candidate, is dropped for the general election so that he could stand, was rejected

yesterday.
Felicity Hindson, 'o!' the constituency association, said was impossible for the association to change its candidate at this stage. "Mr 4"
Browne did not put forward his name for selection as our almost certain that Mr Browne will stand as an independent Conservative.

Helicopter run to help count

A fleet of helicopters will be used in the Highlands and Islands on general election day. If the weather permits flying, their use to pick up ballot boxes should guarantee overnight counts and early morning results in four of the constituencies, three of which are held by Liberal

For the first time, all the North results should be announced with the rest of the country. If bad weather strikes the North, traditional road transport and boats are on stand-by to carry the ballot

Health posts The names of 23 new chair-men of district health authorities whose two-year term of office starts on April 1 were announced by the government yesterday. A further 70 chairmen had their terms of office renewed for up to four years. Labour said that the move was a constitutional outrage and accused William Waldegrave, the health secre-tary, of "prejudging the ver-dict of polling day".



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Tories act to fill vacant seat

By JILL SHERMAN

THE Northumberland seat of Alan Amos, the Conservaing constituency in the country without a Tory candidate for the election.

Mr Amos resigned as MP for Hexham earlier this week after he was cautioned by

CANDIDATES

police for an alleged incident of indecency. Hexham Conservative party was last night sifting through more than a A candidate has now been

selected for Plymouth Sutton, the seat relinquished at the eleventh hour by Alan Clark. the defence minister. Gary Streeter, a local Tory councilfor was adopted last night.

The Tories are contesting 645 of the 651 seats in the United Kingdom. Both Labour and the Liberal Candidates claim they have candidates in place for all the seats they intend to fight. Labour is contesting 633 seats. The Liberal Democrats now have 632 candidates in

BY ALISON ROBERTS

APRIL 9 has been a surprisingly event-ful date in political diaries of the past. From the 1848 Chartist march on Par-

iament, when Feargus O'Connor and

20,000 others demanded universal

male suffrage, to the April 9 when John

Major first met Norma in 1970, it has

been a fateful day.
On April 9, 1943, the Churchill coali-

tion government announced its inten-tion to create a "unified national

health service", finally established in 1948. Hugh Gaitskell the Labour lead-

er was born on April 9, 1906, and in

1964 Labour won the first elections to

In 1962, April 9 was Budget Day and Norman Lamont was clearly listening lain Macleod, then the Chancellor, cut

purchase tax on cars, bringing the price of a Mini down from £526 4s 9d

While either John Major or Neil Kinnock faces the metaphorical chop

the Greater London Council.

the battleground

Home rule to be

THAT the future government of Scotland will be the critical an election, he was confident election issue for most Scots remained undisputed last night as parties north of the that his party would win a mandate to negotiate border prepared for the fourweek campaign.
Ian Lang, the Scottish sec-retary, who will be defending Donald Dewar, Labour's Scottish spokesman, said that the overriding concern was the defeat of the Tories.

a majority of only 3,673 in his Galloway and Upper Niths-dale sear, said the "dangers, uncertainties and high costs of constitutional change" would put at risk all that the Conservatives had achieved within the health service, education, training, housing and the environment in Scotland. We shall fight to defend Scotland's place as a full part-ner in the United Kingdom,"

Alex Salmond, the Scottish National Party leader, said: "There is no doubt that the future of Scotland will be the most important issue in the election north of the border. The SNP offers the Scottish people a prosperous and bright future as an independent nation in Europe. The other parties offer no more than the status quo or a pow-

erless talking shop."
With nationalist support at its highest rating so close to

be very angry".

port at 18 per cent, down five

The Tories risk losing four of their nine Scottish seats.

including Mr Lang's, accord-

ing to an ICM poll published

last night of 980 people inter-viewed in 52 constituencies

this week. It puts Tory sup-

A fateful day for facing the chop

this year, Britain's last beheading took place on Tower Hill on April 9, 1747. The incorrigible Lord Lovat asked to be hanged because his neck was too short for the axe and, if the executioner hit his shoulders by mistake, he "should

There was no need for a passenger's charter in 1904; a train ran non-stop from Plymouth to London on April 9 in a record time of less than four and a half hours. Concorde made its maiden flight from Bristol to Fairford in Gloucestershire in 1969 and the first closed-top double decker has made its debut on the streets of Widnes on April

APRIL

According to Old Moore's Almanack, April will be a month full of "frustra-tions and setbacks" for John Major. Both Labour and Liberal Democrat leaders should expect pressure from the grassroots, but Paddy Ashdown

"should be in excellent winning

 The bookmakers expect the Tories to win the general election, but by not much more than a short head (writes Alan Hamilton). William Hill short-ened its odds on a Conservative win yesterday from 4-7 to 1-2, the party's best showing in the betting shops since last July. At the Coral chain, where the government is an even hotter favourite to cling to power at 4-9, a spokesman said that, since the Chancellor sat down on Tuesday afternoon, punters had shown almost no interest in

Rising Tory fortunes are Labour's undoing, with Hills pushing the party out from 5-4 to 6-4, and Corat offering 13-8. Opinion on the prospect of a Liberal Democrat win is somewhat divided. Delliam Util is granted 2001. vided: William Hill is quoting 200-1. but Coral offers 500-1. On the chance of a hung parliament, the big bookmakers are offering roughly even

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Country cottage 'was headquarters for drug conspirators'

BY CRAIG SETON

A REMOTE English cottage was the centre of a conspiracy to produce and distribute large quantities of the hallucinogenic drug LSD with a street value of millions of pounds, Worcester crown England, it was diluted with court was told yesterday.

Sheets of paper were im-pregnated with hundreds of thousands of tiny dots of the drug, known as tabs, and illustrated with the drug manufacturers' designs, in-cluding a double-headed ser-pent, Batman and the Joker, red and black dragons and a

picture of the globe.
John Mitting, QC, for the prosecution, said that Lawless Cottage, close to the vil-lage of Sellack, near Ross-on-Wye, Hereford and Worcester, was the United Kingdom production centre in an operation led by an American couple who used

Farmer

'flew into

rage at

saboteurs'

radio pagers to send mes-sages. He said couriers illegally imported LSD crystals from San Francisco, the world centre for the raw material. When it arrived in vodka and "spotted" on to tiny squares on sheets of paper like playing cards, that were provided with their own

envelopes. One gram of crystals would provide 10,000 "trips" when mixed with alcohol. The production team sold each tiny square of the drug at a wholesale price of 50p. The street price for a "trip would be between £5 and £10.

Jamie Rsy, aged 30, Californian-born and of no fixed address, Michael Rock, aged 41, a French Canadian-b musician and writer of Finchley, northwest London, and James Lovelidge, aged 27,

after IRA bomb find at border

A FARMER who discovered hunt saboteurs on his land flew into a rage, damaging their van and attacking a television cameraman who was filming them, a court was

told yesterday.

Mark Fuller, aged 26 and said to be 6ft 6in and 25 stone, pulled off the van's wing mirrors, crushed two video cameras with his hands and hit Graham Donaldson, of Anglia Television, in the back as he cowered in the

foetal position, it was alleged. Kevin Lowson, for the pros-ecution, told magistrates at Hunstanton, Norfolk, that as the hunt saboteurs clambered into their van, Mr Fuller slammed the door with such force that a window broke. He threw a wing mirror through the broken window.

The saboteurs and the cameraman were trying to film a "kill" at a meeting of the West Norfolk Hunt on Mr Fuller's land at Church Farm, North Runcton, Norfolk. Mr Fuller denies three charges of damaging property and one charge of threatening vio-lence.

Lynn Jervis, aged 20, who was driving the van, said: "I saw him grab the video cam-era and I thought 'Oh my God' as he crushed it with one hand. I flooded the van's engine in my panic as he him-

Then I saw him hitting the TV cameraman in the back. It looked like he was trying to prise him apart. He was mad and had snapped. He looked like a rabid rottweiler. I tried to reverse away but I was wobbling all over the place because I was so scared."

The saboteurs fled to the nearest village, where they went to the police. Mr Fuller was later questioned at the farm and was still so angry that police had to call for more officers to calm him down, the court was told.

PC Melvyn Townend said:
"He was stamping around and clenching his fists. I

feared for our safety."

Mr Lowson said that Mr
Fuller had caused damage
worth £1,493. It was not disputed that the saboteurs were on private land but the magistrates had to decide whether he had used "reasonable force" to eject them.

"I would submit it was not reasonable force," Mr Lowson said. The defendant behaved in the way he did to teach them a lesson and to destroy any evidence that might be used on television."
The case continues today.

Men held

IRISH police found a 1,000lb IRA bomb near the border in Co Donegal yesterday hidden in a van stolen 400 miles further south in Co Kerry.

Police believe that the IRA's cross border campaign is supported by several smaller groups based in the southwest and anti-terrorist chiefs have launched a big hunt to catch the IRA ringleaders in

Police believe that the group has hidden its Libyan supplied armoury in underground bunkers in the remote southwest. So far three bunkers and thousands of rounds of ammunition have been found during searches in Kerry and Limerick.

Police are questioning three Northern Ireland men arrested near the scene of the bomb find. Two mortar launchers and components for rocket launchers were also found. Chief Superintendent Sean Ginty, officer in charge of the Donegal border area. said: "The IRA had possession of this bomb. We have prevented an attack."

unemployed, of Kilburn, northwest London, have denied conspiracy to supply LSD between December 1986 and February 1991.

- Mr Mitting alleged that Miss Ray was the central link with the American supplier of the LSD crystal and had been involved in production or dis-tribution of the end product. Mr Rock was a producer and distributor and Mr Lovelidge was a distributor.

Mr Mitting said that two other people were not in the dock. Alan Persuitte, aged 45; and Daniella Ellison, aged 33, his wife, both American citizens, were the main organisers of the UK end of the operation. They had

pleaded guilty.

Mr Mining said that, between 1988 and 1991, police began seizing quantities of the sheets of paper that each contained 50 squares of LSD. Two seizures in particular, containing the Barman and Joker and dragon designs, eventually led police to Law-less Cottage, which had been rented by Mr Persuine.

The cottage and properties in London were raided in-January 1991. Documents, money and equipment that the prosecution said was necessary for LSD production were found, including pi-peties, gloves, cylinders and funnels. Mr Mitting said that a photographic darkroom at Lawless Cottage had been used for the laborious job of "spotting" tiny drops of LSD on to the sheets of paper. Production and sales

records of the operation had also been seized. Mr Mitting said that during one production run in October 1990 more than 121,000 squares of ISD ware producted by the control of the contro of LSD were recorded as hav-ing been produced. A production document also recorded that 500,000 tabs of the dragon design were to be made. Sold on the streets, we are talking of several million pounds at retail value," Mr Mitting said.

There were also records of expenses involved in the operation, including money spent on vodka, payment for the workers involved in "spot-ting" the drops of LSD on paper and a payment to . said to be the American supplier of LSD crystal.

Woman wins pool sex bias fight

A WOMAN pool player yes-terday won her fight to be-come the game's first professional after an industrial tribunal in Leeds found that she had been a victim of. sexual discrimination.

The tribunal gave the Pro-fessional Pool Players Organisation three months to grant professional status to Susan Thompson, aged 22, from Runcorn, Cheshire.

Runcorn, Cheshire.

Miss Thompson, who practises pool eight hours a day, told the two-day hearing that the Organisation had persistently prevented her from making a living out of the game. Men, she said, could saw up 152 000 for winning. earn up to £3,000 for winning a tournament while she could only make around £200 for a win on the amateur circuit.

The Organisation had refused her application for pro-fessional status four times between 1987 and 1991. It claimed that she was not good enough. The panel took ten minutes to rule that the Organisation had rejected her applications because she was a woman. Miss Thomp-

son had told the tribunal that she had won more than 200 women's pool titles in seven years and had beaten eight of the game's 40 male professionals, including Britain's number two Greg Farran. She holds the record for the fastest pool clearance by a woman - 45 seconds. She said yesterday: "I'm looking forward now to getting amongst the men and best-ing them in the





Underground ordeal: potholer Roy Dean being brought to the surface after spending 26 hours trapped with his colleague, Les Hewitt, in Sleetgill Pot, in the Yorkshire Dales, when it flooded suddenly. Divers from the Upper Wharfedale Pell Rescue Association found the men as weather conditions worsened and

the water levels in the cave, known locally as "Hypothermia", continued to rise.

Mr Hewitt, aged 49, of Gateshead, Tyne and Wear, said: "We

turned our lamps off and cuddled each other and took it in turns to warm each other up. We had re-signed ourselves to die and I was surprised I could handle it. There

surprised I could handle it. There was no panic. We went to the highest part of the cave and kept moving backwards.

"We had only just popped in for a look and were only going to spend an hour there. There was no sign of any water when we went in and half an hour later it had risen oft and we

were waist deep and swimming when we should have been walking. At one point, the water was only 2ft from the roof.

Alan Stockdale, a rescue co-ordinator, said: "It was quite tricky for us to get to them and it was urgent that we did because there was a very

Pep talk ended in bomb hoax court told

BY MICHAEL HORSNELL

COMPETITION in the fastfood business turned into an unseemly one-sided burger war when a management ex-ecutive for McDonald's telephoned a branch to motivate staff to break a yearly sales record, a court was told vesterday. At the Northumberland

Street store in Newcastle upon Tyne, it was decided that the best way to increase turnover was to empty the rival Burger King less than 100 yards away of customers with a hoax bomb call, it was alleged. More than 300 customers and 50 staff were the premises for a bomb at the height of the IRA's Christmas campaign last year. Karen Heaton, for the pros-

ecution, told Newcastle magistrates that Patima Herron, the manageress of McDon-ald's, took the executive's call, which was intended to "gee her up" and make staff "go for it". Ms Herron, aged 24, and Lance Green, aged 20, the assistant manager, alleg-edly decided on the bomb hoax and bullied Helen Calderwood, a hostess aged 20. to telephone Burger King, which lost about £1,000 in takings as a result.

Calderwood, of Gosforth, Newcastle, admitted making a hoax bomb call on December 14. Sentence was adjourned until April 6 for social enquiry reports. Ms Herron, of Gosforth, and Mr Green, of Kingston Park, both Newcastle, are also accused of making a hoax bomb call but they did not enter a plea. Their case was adjourned until March 25 and they were granted uncondi-

Rajeev Loomba, for Calderwood, said that his cli-ent had been intimidated and goaded into making the call. She had lost her job because of a stupid act.

Last night, McDonald's said that encouraging staff to increase sales by offering them boriuses was a norma business incentive. Staff at the store had not been put under undue pressure.

Carey move halts gays' liturgy book

By RUTH GLEDHILL

PLANS to publish a book of liturgy for homosexuals have been abandoned after an intervention by the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Dr George Carey taid the Society for Promoting Chris-tian Knowledge (SPCK), the Church of England's oldest mission agency, that he would have to reconsider hisdecision to remain its president if he continued to find himself at odds with the society's editorial policy. The dispute has arisen as

the archbishop reviews the patronage and presidencies of 450 organisations that he inherited from the former archbishop, Lord Runcie. Dr Carey had accepted the invitation to become president of society but earlier this week



suing publishers

said he would not become patron of another Anglican mission agency, the Church's Ministry among the Jews. The book, Daring to Speak

Love's Name, was to have been published this July by the Society for Promoting

Christian Knowledge. The book is listed in the January-July catalogue as "a book of prayers, blessings and liturgies marking friendships, particularly those of gay and lesbian people, and other as-pects of relationship which traditional mainstream worship does not recognise". Elizabeth Stuart, aged 28, the book's editor, had been

paid an advance. Dr Stuart, a

Roman Catholic and a lecturer in theology at the college of St Mark and St John. Plymouth, is seeking another publisher and is considering legal action against the society. The manuscript, which refers to Issues in Homosex-

uality, last year's statement on sexuality by the general synod's house of bishops, was sent to six readers, including two Anglican bishops, and to Dr Carey for his opinion. In a letter to Judith Longman, the society's editorial director. Dr Carey says that it is regrettable that liturgies for people with HIV and Aids might appear within the same covers as liturgies for people "coming out" and in same-sex relationships. He says: "Surely this will only foster the myth that HIV and Aids sexual community.

Dr Carey says that the book frequently runs counter to the house of bishops' report in its assumptions and liturgical provision. "... I cannot be indifferent to SPCK's publications. If a divergence between me as president and SPCK's editorial policy were frequently repeated, then I would have to consider whether to remain in this role."

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Ben Nevis shrinks 6in as sea rises

BY NICK NUTTALL TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

SOME of the country's most famous natural landmarks including the Penthey were in the 1920s.

The diminution of the landscape has been caused by the slow but steady rise in sea levels off the southwest coast of England, the Oceanology International '92 conference in Brighton was told.

The official heights of British mountains and hills are based on ordnance survey measurements of sea levels taken between 1915 and 1920 at Newlyn in Cornwall. "If you look up in a book that a mountain is so many feet above sea level it actually means the height above Newlyn in 1920," Philip Woodworth. of the Proudman Oceanographic Laboratory at Birkenhead, Merseyside, said. "Since then, however, sea levels there have risen by six inches." This

means that mountaineers who scale - sea at a rate of 4mm a year. The tilt is Ben Nevis have clambered only scaled by their forefathers.

The laboratory, which manages a

nines, Ben Nevis, Mount Snowdon and network of 35 tide gauges around the the Mendip Hills are now shorter than British Isles, has also detected a small but significant shift in the tides during the past century with those in the southwest rising and those off the northeast coast of Scotland falling by around half a millimetre a year.

What is causing this change in tidal patterns remains a mystery. Dr. Woodworth said that it might be linked with rising sea levels or be caused by man-made activities including dredging at some ports.

The laboratory's gauges, some of which now form part of the new global sea level observing system set up by the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission as part of attempts to study global warming, are helping to confirm that Britain is tilting into the

most pronounced in the south east of 4.407ft 6inrather than the 4.408ft England. In contrast, geological move-scaled by their forefathers.

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Graham Alcock, principal scientific officer at the laboratory, said it was vital that calculations on sea level rises took these geological movements into account if engineers are to plan coastal defences properly. He said that engineers needed not only good forecasts on how rising world temperatures might cause the seas to rise but forecasts on how land movements might offset orexaggerate these rises.

In an attempt to forecast these geological movements more accurately researchers were turning to satellites and radio telescopes, Mr Alcock said. Signals picked up from the satellite and from deep space are allowing scientists to fix on tidal gauges and then measure the height of the land to which these devices are attached.

Colleges to

merge into

new Scots

university

A university is to be created in southwest Scotland with the merger of two further education colleges. It is expected to be called the University of

each town, it was announced

Scottish secretary, this sum-mer and permission to use the

title of university is likely to

get Privy Council approval

after the passage of the fur-ther and higher education bill

The governing and academic bodies from each college have approved the merger and work on creating

the university will begin immediately. It will have substantially more students than the

5,700 attending the two col-leges and will offer a wide range of vocational degree

Mirror man's

Ernest Oborne, a former

building manager at the Daily Mirror's Holborn Circus offices who feared that along with 8,500 former Maxwell

employees he would cease to

receive pension payments at the end of June, has learnt

Mr Oborne, aged 67, was

reassured by his former em-ployers on Tuesday after tell-ing *The Times* how his health

had suffered during the months of uncertainty. On

Friday, peasioners who had subscribed to the Maxwell

scheme were told that Mirror

Group Newspapers could no

longer support all their for-mer publisher's victims.

However, the pensions of

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former Mirror employee

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Arthur Greenway and John Daves of Essex will receive

the full value of three ancient gold wrist torques and 190 silver spins that they un-

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Hospitals shun day surgery regardless of long waiting lists

By JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

A RELUCTANCE by hospital consultants and managers to make use of day surgeries is holding back progress that could cut waiting lists by a third, a new report says.

Based on the 20 most common surgical procedures, an extra 95,000 patients could be treated each year at no extra cost if all hospitals performed as many operations on a day basis as the best 25 per cent, the report from the independent Audit Commis-

Sion says.

The total figure for extra patients treated, for all procedures, could be as high as 300,000, according to expert medical opinion of what is safely achievable and on the basis of evidence from abroad "That is around one third of current waiting lists." Howard Davies, director of the commission, said.

The report says that in the 75 per cent of districts that



Barnacle goose: from a few hundred to 12,000

Geese eat into farmers' profits

By KERRY GILL

FARMERS on a coast where the barnacle goose has been saved from extinction are demanding government compensation for the crops which they say the flocks are devourvationists has left farmers in southwest Scotland claiming up to £10,000 a year each for crops lost to

the Svalbard geese. The birds winter on the relatively mild banks of the Solway Firth before returning to their native gen. Duna 1950s there were only a few hundred in the area. Since a reserve was established by the Nature Conservancy Council 30 years ago, the population has grown to more than 12,000. The recovery has been so successful that Dumfries and Galloway regional council and the area tourist board have adopted the goose as their

Jim Brown, who farms near the reserve at Caerlaverock, is less im-pressed by the birds. "We end an hour a day trying to chase them away and we can't shoot them. The Wildlowl and Wetlands Trust is erecting a huge tower inviting people to come and see the geese. They are raking in money while our pockets are being hit." Another farm-er, Alistair Wyllie, said: the geese to scare them The crops are badly affectthe dung deposited by the birds "John Graham said that he was unwilling to apply for a shooting licence because of the antagonism of ornitholngists. He was unable to winter sheep in the area because of the lack of grazing and silaging was usually two to three weeks late.

The farmers believe that conservationists should help to feed the geese. Jim Milby, area secretary of the National Farmers l nion. which has taken the farmers' claim to the Scottish agriculture department, said that numhers had to be controlled. Geese will strip a field to the bone very quickly. There are so many that they cannot cope with feeding them at the trust

The prospect of some geece being shot left John Doherty of the trust aghast He said that any population of geese of less than 160,000 was under threat and the Svalbards numbered only 12,700. tle was sympathetic to the farmers and felt that the government should pay them to grow some crops especially for the geese.

have proper day surgery facilities almost all are significantly underused. Only two units were identified as operating at full capacity, defined as treating 1.5 patients per bed per day for 240 days a year. Many admitted patients who could have been treated in outpatients, implying that their spare capacity is even greater. In a quarter of districts there were no dedicated

Consultants are often to blame for the inefficient use of the units, the report says. They do not organise their work to provide a regular day case list; are reluctant to admit patients for only half a day; do not communicate with managers; and work in-dependently of other consultants so no one has an overall view of the use of the unit.

day surgery facilities.

These problems can be overcome where the unit is run by a director but almost two thirds of units do not have one. "The importance of the focus which a good director provides cannot be overemphasised," the report says.

Mr Davies said: "In only a quarter of districts was the shortage of facilities an issue. in most, management issues and the attitude of consultants are holding back progress." The report has the support of the Royal College of Surgeons, which yesterday issued its own guidelines for day surgery. Brendan Devlin, chairman of the college's working party on day surgery, said it is now considered the best option for 50 per cent of all patients requiring elective [routine] surgery". At present, well below half of

operations were performed on a day basis, he said. David Ralphs, secretary of the working party, said that day surgery was safe and that patients preferred it. Infection rates and anxiety were lower and getting patients mobile immediately en-

Sir Terence English, president of the Royal College,

said that progress on day surgery was "slower than we would like to have seen". Surgeons needed encouragement. "Some have not been prepared to take it up because they are too conservative or fixed in their ways."

Earlier this week the government announced an extra £15 million for health authorities to improve provision. ☐ London's hospitals are falling down and at least one may have to be sold to pay for repairs to the rest. St Thomas's hospital, on a prime site opposite the Houses of Parliament, could raise £150 million for investment in buildings eisewhere if it were sold, Richard Meara, a man-

agement consultant, said.

"Some buildings are so functionally unsuitable and user unfriendly that no amount of refurbishment can help," he said. "The best thing that could happen to the Middlesex Hospital outpatients' department or the Brook Hospital in south London is a bulldozer."

In a report to the King's Fund Commission on Lon-don, published yesterday, Mr Meara said that 49 per cent of the NHS's total open market value was locked up in the hospitals in the four Thames regions which faced a total maintenance backlog of £900 million. Some had to pay extra high maintenance costs because they occupied histor-

spent £12 million upgrading the James Gibb building, work that would have cost only £8 million had it not been listed. "The extra costs of providing health care in listed buildings are never con-sidered." Mr Meara says.

Primary care in the capital is still underdeveloped relative to the rest of the country. according to a second report for the commission. London GPs have fewer staff and nurses, larger lists, and are more likely to be elderly and to practise single-handerly.



Step by step: ballerina Natalya Bessmertnova coaching children at the Dominion Theatre, London, yesterday. Miss Bessmertnova and the Stars of the Bolshoi company will tour Britain from next month

Three days of will-power that went up in smoke

CIGARETTES, who needs them? It was national nosmoking day yesterday, but my own Q-for-Quit day arrived last Tuesday, boosted by an encouraging 90-minute session with the amiable Chris Steele, the television doctor and international stop-smoking expert.

Generously giving away the remains of my last packet, I began chewing nicotine gum instead. Soon I accustomed myself to the hicrups one sometimes suffers from nicotine replacement therapy gum, but the jaw ache was becoming a serious problem. Between chews, I consumed five bars of mint chocolate as an extra comfort. Felt fairly

I managed to get through Q-plus-two by drinking heavito ease the pain messages from my ravaged brain. But on Q-plus-three I succumbed to temptation and stole a cig-arette from my colleague Bill Frost, who had carelessly left

Michael Horsnell armed himself with nicotine gum and chocolate bars in preparation for no-smoking day

a packet on his desk. It had been giving me the come-on

Yes, I had blown it for a suck on a ciggie after 78 hours without a single puff. It was then that I made a significant discovery. Chewing nic-otine gum while smoking produces the most delightful buzz, which is possibly why the manufacturers specificalwarn against it.

On Q-plus-four, having confirmed my nicotine addiction and suffered the guilt of my weakness, I took a brave decision to fight again. I gave up the foul-tasting gum. I have now managed to go four days without any gum and kept to one cigarette an hour, noticing how well this has cured the hiccups and jaw ache and reduced my craving for mint chololate. As I write. I am about to light my 3pm cigarette. It is 11.55am.

I am smelling like a bonfire again and having to reson to smoking beside the coal shed to avoid the attentions of my 11-year-old son, the Smoke hunter General. But I feel proud. I have been true to myself. I feel neither guilt nor

Dr Steele, who runs a stopsmoking clinic in Manches-ter, had warned that I might not at first succeed. Most long-term ex-smokers usually failed to give up at several previous attempts, he said, and I should not get despon-dent if at first I did not succeed. Whatever might go wrong, I should learn by my mistakes. Dr Steele is an understanding man and he is right. I blame Bill Frost for what went wrong.



Smoke-filled room: members of the Lords and Commons pipesmokers' club defying no-smoking day at the Sherlock Holmes museum, central London

Ban on children in pubs may be eased

BY OUR TRAVEL CORRESPONDENT

ing areas for coaches are among proposals intended to boost the tourist industry outlined by the government

Tourism is now the biggest single industry in Britain. employing 1.5 million people and contributing £25 billion annually, Michael Howard, the employment secretary.

The law in England and Wales makes it difficult for children under 14 to be with their parents on licensed ises, and this confuses and imtates many overseas visitors. Mr Howard said in a booklet outlining his plans. "The present law can also inconvenience our own citizens," he said.

Although an increasing number of public houses provided bar meals, the law prevented families from sharing a meal in them. The government, if returned, plans to introduce legislation similar to that in Scotland to enable pubs to request that children be allowed in. It also plans to allow the sale of liquor in cafes. It said, however, that such a relaxation in the rules would be allowed only after consultation with the trade,

police and medical experts. The government would naturally take fullest possible account of any evidence that children could be harmed by

ALLOWING children into which alcohol is sold and public houses, shortening consumed," Mr Howard queues at immigration conlicensed premises to cater for families. This may well help to promote sensible drinking, which the government has

consistently advocated." He added: "Our aim is to make this country a more attractive place for visitors, from the moment they land to

the moment they leave."

Many of the proposals ould require legislation. The most contentious is giving licensed bars and restaurants more freedom to accept children. Consultation papers are to be issued proposing that licensed premises ask magistrates for "children's certificates" similar to those in Scotland and "cafe-style" licences. "This would not impose any restrictions on pubs or force them to accept child-ren." Lord Ullswater, the

Among the other measures proposed to make Britain more tourist friendly are performance standards covering the waiting time for foreign visitors at immigration. The maximum wait for European visitors should be ten minutes. Mr. Howard said. Their average wait should not exceed three minutes. Standards for non-European isitors have still to be set.

Parking restrictions in parts of Westminster would be lifted as an experiment to try to find parking for another 165 coaches.

maintains chess lead

IN LINARES

GARY Kasparov, the world chess champion, consolidathis lead in the grandmaster tournament in Linares, Spain, yesterday with a 59-move victory over Artur Yusupov. He holds a 112-point lead with two

rounds to go. The eleventh round was a disaster for Britain's Nigel Short and Jonathan Speelman, who both lost games with the white pieces and are now at the bottom of the table. Short suffered a crushing defeat by Jan Timman of The Netherlands. The moves

for their game were: Timman

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16 Nxb6 axb6

17 c3 Rxs4

18 Qxs4 Nh4

19 g3 Nl3+
26 Kg2 Nk4+
21 Kg1 M3+
22 Kg2 Be8
23 Nh1 Bd5
24 Rxt5 Nf2
25 Nl2 Nh4+
26 Kr1 Nxf3
27 d3 Nxt2
28 Ke2 Be6

White resigns. Short White Black White Black
1 e4 e7
2 NI3 NC5
3 NC3 Ni6
4 Bb5 Nd4
5 Bb4 Bc5
6 Nxa6 9-0
7 Nd3 Bb6
8 e5 Nes
9 Nd5 d5
10 Nd3 2p5
11 14 Op6
12 0-0 16
13 exd8 Nxd6
14 Ni2 N415

Final positions

earther at a farm in Woodham Montimer. A Chell ond inquest mied worth 20,000, was treasure trove and must go to the British Auseum. Kasparov

FROM RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Attacker jailed Andrew Davis, aged 24, of Oxford, who beat uncon-Russia and sexually assaulted r, was lailed for seven years Oxford crown court was told that it was his third attack on

Damages win

Jili Ames, a motorist of Gilfact. Mid Glamorgan, and her three children aged 13 to 18 were awarded £218,500 agreed damages in a High Court settlement for injuries received in a crash at Stockton, Norfolk, in 1987.

Rail blockage

The main rail route into Contwall was blocked after tons of earth fell on the track at St Germans. British Rail said services could be suspended for three days because of danger from an

Poor police

Some police officers with the Northern Constabulary in Scotland are chasing criminals in their family cars, equipped with magnetic flashing lights, because the force cannot afford enough

Trawler death A-fisherman died after being cut free from machinery which had trapped his arm in the engine room of the trawler Viking Borg. The boat was moored at Grimsby docks.

Canals and rivers earmarked to switch water to dry south

AN AMBITIOUS scheme to transler water from Wales and Northumberland through rivers and canals to the purched southern and eastern counties of England may be needed next century, the National Rivers Authority suggested vesterday

in a report examining the options for meeting expected water demand, the authority shows that the whole of England east and south of a line drawn roughly between the Humber and Severn estuaries is likely to face long-term water shortages. By 2021 the Thames region will be short of 951 million litres a day, almost a quarter of its present demand, if no new resources are developed. Similar

shortages face the Anglian, South-

ern and Wessex regions, with the South West only slightly better off. These long-term trends have nothing to do with the immediate

problems of drought, serious as those are, Jerry Sherriff, the authority's head of water resources. said. But the drought had brought the issues into focus. Over the next year the authority will be looking at various options for balancing supply and demand before deciding on the best.

The authority appears to have dismissed already some of the more exotic ideas, including towing icebergs from the Arctic, desalination, importing water from Europe by pipeline or building a national water grid. All are too expensive or impractical. Mr Sherriff said.

Water from Wales will be filling baths in London if an ambitious water transfer scheme goes ahead, Nigel Hawkes reports

Among the more practical options are the better use of water, including repairing leaking mains and some metering in dry ureas, more use of recycled effluent from sewage plants and possibly transfer schemes using existing rivers to carry water from wer areas to the dry south and east.

Water from mid-Wales, which has a large surplus, might be fed into the Severn and Wye and thence into the Thames using pumps. The water would be taken from the Severn near Tewkesbury and transferred by pipeline to the

Thames at Lechlade in Gloucestershire. Alternatively. Severn water could be transferred to the Trent and Mersey canal near Stafford. and into the Grand Union and Oxford canals to supply the Thames region, or into the rivers Nene and Ouse in Northamptonshire to supply East Anglia.

The use of canals, never previoush used to distribute water, was being seriously considered, Mr Sherriff said. "We believe we could move a reasonable amount of water through canals without interrupting their normal functions, though it would need some engineering work and some dredging.

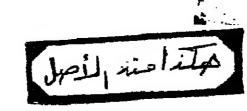
Another possibility would be to take water from the huge but underused Kielder reservoir in Northumberland, feed it into the rivers Tees, Swale and Yorkshire Ouse and then pump it into the river Witham in the Anglian region for distribution to Lincolnshire. Suffolk and Essex. The total costs of these schemes might be of the order of £1-2 billion.

☐ The drought in the English lowlands is "without modern parallel". the latest data from the Institute of Hydrology and the British Geological Survey show. The past two years, from March 1990 to March 1992, show the lowest rainfall in England and Wales for such a

period since records began in 1767. The three months from De-cember 1991 to February 1992 inclusive was the third driest this century, after 1963-4 and

River flows in some areas are very low. The mean flow of the Linde Ouse in Cambridgeshire over the past years has been less than half the long-term average. The drought appears to be the most severe in the English lowlands since that of 1897-1903.

Boreholes show the lowest groundwater levels recorded in many places, including sites in Norfolk and Cambridgeshire. One borehole, at Therfield Rectory in Herifordshire, dried up in January for the first time in 70 years.





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Countryside to have more protection

BY MICHAEL DYNES, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

THE government is to adopt new procedures for assessing damage to the environment caused by road building. Christopher Chope, the roads minister, announced yesterday. He said that the present methods were obsolete and needed overhauling to ensure greater protection for the

building schemes would have to be expressed in terms of a monetary value, he said. But alternative ways would have to be found to protect those parts of the countryside that were inviolable.

The decision to add greater weight to the environmental effects of road building follows publication of a longawaited report by the standing advisory committee on trunk road assessment, the independent advisory body set up in 1978 to evaluate how road building schemes are assessed.

The report found that the

present scheme-by-scheme environmental impact assessment was inadequate and should be replaced by a "stra-tegic level of environmental assessment" that places values on the environment at the beginning of the planning process rather than towards the end. The EC has been urging member states to adopt such an approach, which was earlier dismissed by ministers as "half baked."

Mr Chope said that the transport department would issue an updated environmental impact assessment manual for road schemes later this year, which would embody the recommendations

made by the report.

The new procedures are unlikely to be applied to the present £20 billion roads programme, so will be too late to save areas such as Twyford Down, Hampshire, and Oxleas Wood, east London.

Driving penalties, page 18



Ready for polling: Dick Riley, of the Birmingham ballot box supplier and manufacturer C Bradbury, putting the finishing touches to a box yesterday

Budget ends firms' rent-switch loophole

BY MATTHEW BOND

A LOOPHOLE that has enabled companies to reduce corporation tax bills and improve cash flow is to be closed.

The Budget ends so-called property-holding company schemes or rent-deferred schemes, set up between two companies in a group, one normally an operating company paying rent for its premises, and the other either a holding company or a specially created property subsidiary, which receives the rent. No money leaves the group. The rent date is crucial. If

an operating company has a December 31 year end, a scheme might have rent due on January 1 in arrears.

The operating company can, by using the accruals basis of Schedule D (Case 1) tax rules, claim most of the rent as an expense by its year end, reducing taxable profit. Tax is paid on the rent only in the next year, when the holding company pays it on rental income under Schedule A.

From Budget day, rent recipients will pay tax on it as it is accrued, not when it is due.

Fresh worries stall car hopes

In spite of cheaper post-Budget deals on new cars, eager salesmen waited for buyers in vain, Kevin Eason reports

CAR salesmen with ties neatly knotted were waiting anxiously for the showroom doors to burst open yesterday morning in a post-Budget rush, but nobody turned

Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, halved special car tax to 5 per cent as an answer to the plea from a desperate motor industry which needs a sales boost. The Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders confidently predicted that cutting the tax could bring more than 70,000 extra sales this year.

But the country's 12,000 showrooms remained eerily quiet yesterday with no sign of the expected dash of cus-tomers wanting to cash in on savings worth around £400 on the average family saloon. It seems that having got rid of one stumbling block, the motor industry has found a new problem: uncertainty over the out-come of the election.

Paul Williams, managing director of Bristol Street Motors, one of the biggest garage groups, said: "Nothing is going to create a surge in this business until there is a return of confidence in the

"What happened in the Budget was very welcome but we have customers who have had their overtime cut or their firms are not doing very well and they will not spend now in spite of the cut in car tax."

Most dealers reported a surge of telephone calls from motorists enquiring what savings they would make if they wanted to buy. Bristol Street was among Ford dealers offering discounts well over the tax cut to encourage interest, with up to £1,400 off the price of a Flesta. Ford said that almost

delayed their purchase were also starting to confirm orders, raising hopes that March sales might not be quite as bad as the previous 28 months of declining registrations, forcing the Chancellar to a second to the chancel cellor to step in to help the

As many as 20,000 post-poned orders are thought to be piled up ready to be signed throughout the in-dustry. The Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders confirmed last night that as long as orders were not invoiced, paid for or the vehicle collected, then cars ordered before the Budget should be available

at the new tax rate. Society officials were delighted that their campaign over almost 20 years had finally paid off with some reduction in special

Even though dealers also welcomed Mr Lamont's help, the Budget seemed to have burst on the industry with all the effect of a damp

squib.

Ian McDermott, salesman at Henlys of Chester, which was yesterday reducing the price of a typical Jaguar by £1,000 and a Rolls-Royce Silver Spirit II by more than £3,000, said: "We expected a kick-start with not much has happened."

Af the Reg Vardy Group, which sells 25,000 cars a year through 19 dealers, David Williams was hoping that interest would grow

that interest would grow over the weekend

Mr Williams, the group's public relations manager, said: "The biggest interest seems to be in specialist cars. When you spend £120,000 on a Bentley Turbo; you would not think a £4.650 reduction mattered much but it apparently

The budget will help but we still will have four weeks to walk before we know which direction we are headed in. Until the election is over, we do not expect a

Officials blamed in supergun enquiry

BY SHELLA GUNN

THE government is consured in a draft report of the partiamentary enquiry into the Iraqi supergun affair for fail-ing to block exports which built up Saddam Hussein's military capability before the Gulf war.

The report by Kenneth Warren, enquiry chairman, declines to criticise ministers personally. Instead, it focuses on the failures of the trade and defence departments to check contracts with British firms to make sure that they did not breach the United Nations embargo on supply ing arms to Iraq and Iran.
The Tory-majority Commons trade and industry

committee started work yesterday on completing the re-port, which is expected on Monday. The draft, accord-ing to one committee MP. was "rather anodyne", favouring the "cock-up rather than the conspiracy theory" over the role of officials in allowing the export to Iraq of giant tubes for the supergun. and the export of other mili-

tary equipment.
Customs officials are likely to be accused of heavy-handedness after seizing a con-signment of the giant tubes at Teesport in April 1989. The enquiry was announced after the seizures, although it started to hear evidence only after the trade department sent a memorandum last summer listing military equipment among the li-censed exports to Iraq.

Labour and Liberal Democrat MPs on the comminee will try to toughen the word-ing in the final report and to criticise ministers personally. There is confusion and disagreement among the com-minee's 11 MPs about the role of intelligence officers and how much they knew of, and monitored, exports of sensitive equipment. Some MPs have said they believe that British officials knew of the exports, but allowed them through so that they could keep track of Saddam Hus-

sein's build-up.
Although the draft report raiks of the lapses in the procedures for checking exports. it is understood to point out that the criticisms come with the "benefit of hindsight"...



Twelves criticised the costeel's budget plan

Lambeth sets highest poll tax

BY DOUGLAS BROOM LOCAL GOVERNMENT

IAMBETH council was on course to be charge capped yesterday after agreeing to set the highest poll tax in England at the end of a ten-hour meeting which ended just be-fore dawn. The group of Labour moderates who control the south London borough finally forced through a charge of £448.55 at 14 minuses to five in the morning on the easing vote of the mayor.

Plans for a budget of

1333.2 million for the coming
financial year were attacked financial year were attacked as excessive by the Conservatives who proposed a poll tax of \$419 and by the Liberal
Democrats who urged a figure of \$530. The budget plan was also criticised by 13 former Labour councillors, inshuffing the former landers cluding the former leader Joan Tweives, who were ex-pelled from the party last year

In its final form the financial package approved by the council is £4.4 million above the government's capping limit. Stephen Whaley, leader of the council, said that he would appeal to the govern-ment to relax the cap. Conservative controlled

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for extremist activities.

Hillingdon in west London also faces capping this year after setting a budget E877,290 above the limit although the council also plans to appeal. As many as 20 councils are

now thought to be at risk of how thought to be at risk of charge capping, including at least five Conservative con-noiled authorities. No decision on which councils will be capped will be made before the general election.



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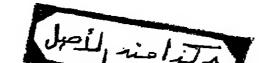
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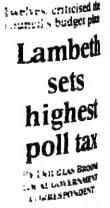
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Fringe parties put new slant on poll

BY JILL SHERMAN AND MICHAEL MCCARTHY

A COLOURFUL range of minority parties including Lindi St Clair's Corrective party. the Monster Raving Loony and Rainbow Connection parties, will line up with the three main contenders in the general election campaign.

While some will be trying to secure Westminster seats others, like the Rainbow Connection, will be campaigning against both politicians and Parliament arguing that nattonal policy should be decided by people in their own homes at the push of an electronic button.

The Monster Raving Loony party had been hoping to field 50 candidates to earn them an election broadcast. but its leaders admit this is unlikely. Loony Lord Tiver-ton, the party's minister of culture, said yesterday that the party's aim was "both to ndicule politicians and to allow people to record a protest vote against politicians".

The Corrective party, headed by Lindi St Clair, otherwise known as Miss Whiplash, will also be trying to field 50 candidates with a manifesto calling for social justice.

civil liberty, animal rights and equal opportunity, and the legalisation of

The Green party and the

Liberal party are the two largest minority parties, which have both faced a dramatic downturn in popularity. The Green party, which is holding its spring conference this weekend, is fielding 250 candidates, twice the number it put forward in 1987. Although its standing has risen considerably since the last election, its dramatic rise in the polls during the Euro-MPs' election in 1989, when it won 15 per cent of the vote. has long since disappeared. This is partly because it seen as a one-issue party and partly because the environment has fallen as an important

to eleventh this year.

The Liberal party, officially relaunched in 1989, is putting forward candidates in 70 seats and will be fighting Liberal Democrat MPs in five constituencies.

issue from first place in 1989

Parties on the extreme right include the new anti-Europe-an group, the Anti-Federalist League which is standing against two cabinet minis-ters. Chris Patten in Buth. and William Waldegrave in Bristol West, and hoping to put up 34 candidates.

The Democratic Left. which replaced the Communist Party of Great Britain, will not be fielding any candi-dates, but will be urging tactical voting to scupper Tory chances of a fourth term. The organisation will follow up its official launch next week with an "Out of the Blue" party, where guests will be invited to dance to the end of 13 years

Parties on the extreme left are dwindling in strength, partly due to events in the Soviet Union. The Revolu-tionary Communist Party is putting up eight candidates in cities throughout the coun-try. Using the slogan "Break out of the grey", it will appeal against tactical voting. The Socialist Workers' Par-ty which will not be fielding.

ty, which will not be fielding candidates, will support Lab-our or the deselected Labour MPs Dave Nellist and Terry Fields, who are standing independently.



Loony tune: Screaming Lord Sutch, leader of the Monster Raving Loony Party, puts across his campaign message in typically flamboyant, if low tech, style. He will be contesting the prime minister's Huntingdon constituency on April 9. Screaming Lord Sutch began his campaign yesterday

from the roof of a bright yellow "loony mobile" outside the Commons. The former pop singer possibly has more campaign experience than the prime minister. He fought his first election in 1963, two years before Mr Major failed to secure the London seat of St Pancras North.

Headaches of a hung parliament

The election could pro-vide a nightmare which Buckingham Palace

quietly dreads.

The Tories remain the narrow election favourites. They are, after all, defending a 101-seat majority from 1987, when they took 43 per cent of the vote to 32 per cent for Labour and 23 per cent for the then Alliance. But if voters divide their support in the way indicated by virtually way indicated by virtually every opinion poll so far this year, we are heading not for single party majority government but for a hung parliament in which

no party has an overall majority.

The biggest swing achieved by any party since the war is 5 per cent and Labour, needing an 8 per cent swing to achieve power in its own right, has never managed more than 3 per cent, so the odds are

against Neil Kinnock going all the way. But if eapturing the 97 seats it will need to form a majority seems a daunting task for Mr Kinnock's partask for Mr Kinnock's party, there is a lesser target. Only 51 Labour gains on a swing of 4 per cent are required for the Conservatives to lose their overall majority. Since opinion polls over the year have varied from a 21 per cent Labour lead to 1 i per cent for the Tories, the prospect for the Tories, the prospect of a hung parliament is a serious one.

It seems likely that in the next parliament there will be six to ten MPs repwall be six to ten MPs representing Plaid Cymru and the Scottish National Party (they go into the election with eight between them and with the SNP at least on a rising trend). There are 17 Ulster MPs unconnected with either of the nected with either of the two main parties and even if the Liberal Democrats, also on the upsurge again, fail to increase their cur-rent level of 22 MPs there would be comfortably more than 40 MPs who more than 40 MPs who were neither Conservatives nor Labour. If the margin between the two main parties is narrow, that will result in a hung parliament with one or two other party groups in a position to deliver power to a minority.

That is where the prob-lems begin for the Pal-ace. The Queen would ask the leader of the largest party to form a govern-ment. John Major and Neil Kinnock have each in-Nei Kunnock have each in-dicated that they would at-tempt with the largest single party in a hung par-liament to govern as a mi-nority, challenging the others to bring them down. For Labour, Jack Cunningham, the cam-naign co-ordinator, save There will be no pacts, no deals, no bargains, no trade-offs. The Liberals say: 'Do not bother to lift the phone if you are not prepared to concede legislation on proportional representation.' My message to Mr Ashdown is very clear. 'Don't call us, we won't call you."

John Major told the Commons last May 7: "I am not in favour of either smoke-filled rooms or proportional representation. It leaves minority parties determining government policy and striking bar-gains for their support. That is not democracy, it is

horse-trading. But what if the official opposition, aided by Liberal Democrats and others, brings down a minority Tory government on its Queen's Speech or soon after? There would be argument over whether the Queen should then allow

DOLITICAL NOTEBOOK By ROBIN OAKLEY

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the defeated John Major a dissolution of parliament or first ask another party leader to attempt to form a

In 1950, when Labour's

majority was just six, and there was speculation that Attlee would seek an im-mediate dissolution. Sir Alan Lascelles, the King's private secretary, argued that the socretary could afree a dissolution but would not do so unless he were satisfied that the existing parliament was still vital, viable and capable of doing its job. Further grounds for refusal would be that a general election would be detrimental to the national economy and that the swereign could were satisfied that the exthe tational economy and that the sovereign could rely on finding another prime minister who would carry on government with a working majority for a reasonable period.

Some constitutional authorities say that a monarch refusing a dissolution would be exceeding modern prerogative powers, effectively dismissing a prime minister. Most argue that a prime minister who fails to win a majority has no entitlement to an immediate second dissoluhas no entitlement to an immediate second dissolution. So if John Major sought a dissolution soon after first losing his overall majority it is more likely that the Quetn would send for Mr Kinnock, who would not have called the election resulting in the hung partiament. Mr Kinnock, however, would get an early dissolution if he sought one as the leader of a minority government after a few months on trial in No 10.

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In practice on all occasions this century when general elections have failed to produce a single party majority (two in 1910, 1923, 1929, February 1974) the outcome has been single party minority government. But the Wilson/Callaghan Labour government of 1974-9, starting with a majority of three seats, was forced to three seats, was forced to enter a part with the Liberal party in March 1977 in order to see

In 1987 the Alliance of Liberals and Social Demo-crats campaigned for what they called a "balanced parliament" and much ion has centred on the role of the Liberal Democrats this time. Pad-dy Ashdown, the Liberal Democrat leader, has been "war gaming" with close colleagues the various pos-sible outcomes of the election. He is not eager for a hung parliament, reckon-ing that his party is likely to emerge bruised from the manoeuvrings then required. But while the supporting a minority Conservative administration while the party was led by Margaret Thatcher he is now prepared to deal with either major party provided that the deal in-cindes legislation for PR and a commitment to a full

five-year term. However, if the Tories not the Liberal Democrats could face considerable difficulty being seen to maintain in power a Tory party perceived as having lost the election.

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In practice, therefore, a hung parliament is likely to lead by one route or

Britons abroad to get legal fees help

BY NICHOLAS WOOD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH consulates can be modest, about £1 million offer loans for legal fees to Britons facing trial abroad, Douglas Hurd said yesterday. The foreign secretary's statement was hailed by campaigners for extra help towards trial costs as a significant shift in the govern-

ment's stance Stephen Jakobi, the lawyer heading the newly formed pressure group, Fair Trials Abroad, said: "We have detected a change in the government's position in that people who are genuinely embarrassed for funds can get a loan from the appropriate consulate for legal defence. This is a useful step but it does not answer the problem of people with no money being denied lawyers in foreign countries. There should an entitlement to legal aid in

such cases and the cost would

to £2 million a year." Supporters of the group include "Friends of Karyn Smith", the support group for

the teenager jailed in Thailand for drug smuggling.
Mr Hurd is being challenged at the election in his West Oxfordshire constituency by Marilyn Brown, whose son Nicholas has been waiting 14 months in India for mai on an alleged drugs charge, Mr Hurd said in a letter in The Daily Telegraph that consuls go to considerable lengths to secure proper

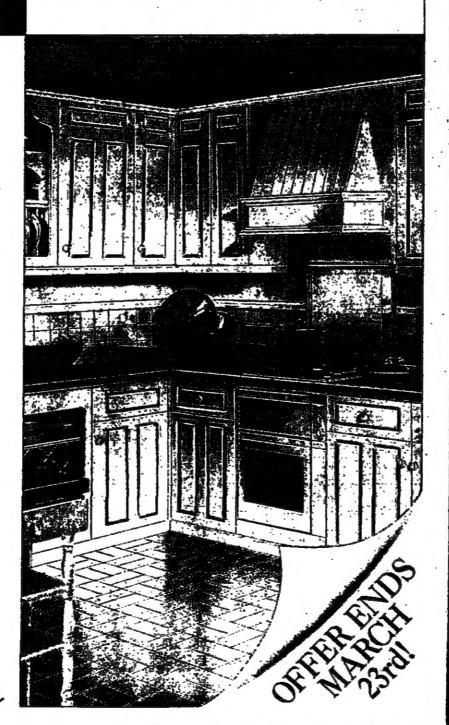
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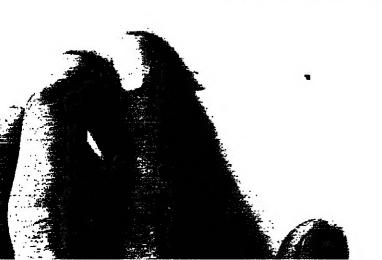


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OPINIONS....VIII

How the public mood changed during the

past five years



Political ins and outs: 1987 saw a triumphant Margaret Thatcher swept back to power. Three years later, rejected by many in her party, she was replaced by John Major, who low ponders his fate in the election

Five years that changed the face of politics

THE parliament on which John Major brought down the curtain yesterday will be remembered above all else for the toppling of his predecessor. The pundits who thought Margaret Thatcher's 1987. general election landslide would mean a period of relative calm were hopelessly wrong. For super-charged personal and political drama there may never be another.

Mts Thatcher was brought down by a combination of a hated new local government tax, her opposition to closer integration in the EC, mistakes in running the economy that tipped it over into recession, and a personal style that her cabinet, MPs and the voters found increasingly difficult to take. Hers was the last, and most sensational, of a series of departures from a cabinet that now contains no

faces from 1979. Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor she described as brilliant, went at the end of a dispute over the European exchange frey Howe, once her most important lieutenant, resigned over Europe, leaving her fatally wounded with one of the most devastating Commons speeches of modern times.

The parliament saw the birth under Paddy Ashdown of the Liberals and Social Democrats as a merged party, and the death of an independent SDP.

Neil Kinnock saw off a leftwing challenge to his leadership and cast aside the ideological baggage that helped Labour to lose three elections. He converted Labour to the market economy and multilateralism and left his opponents claiming he had forsaken all his principles in the pursuit of power.

Early a seal to the control of the c

June 11: Margaret Thatcher is returned to Downing Street for the third time with a 101seat majority. She makes an instant pledge to tackle the problems of the inner cities. June 15: David Steel, disappointed by the Alliance's performance, speedily tables proposals for the merger of the Liberal and Social Demo-

cratic parties.

June 25: The Queen's Speech contains a bill to introduce the community charge to replace the rates. July 6: Labour decides to "re-

view" the policies that have cost it three elections. Senior right-wingers including Peter Shore are ousted from the shadow cabinet. July 30: The government de-

cides that poli tax should be phased in over four years. August 6: David Owen resigns as SDP leader as it votes by 57 per cent to 42 per cent to merge with Liberals. October 7: A self-congratula-

tory Tory conference includes a debate on the poll tax in which calls are made for it to be introduced in one go rather than phased. October 19: Black Monday

values. Next day sees a drop of £40 billion. Nigel Lawson cuts interest rates. November 2: Peter Brooke becomes Tory party chair-man after top-level resistance to Lord Young of Graffham getting the job. November 17: Cabinet de-

cides to introduce poll tax in one go. December 7: Mikhail Gorbachey becomes first Soviet Communist party general secretary to visit Britain in 31 years.

community charge, calling it. Tory tax. Government majority falls to 72.

January 10: Lord Whitelaw, sheet anchor of the govern-ment, resigns as deputy prime minister on doctor's advice. His departure from the centre-stage will be sharply felt by Mrs Thatcher. Jamary 20: John Prescott dissuaded from challenging for Labour deputy leadership. January 23: Liberals support

merger with SDP.
January 31: SDP conference supports a merger with the March 15: Lawson cuts basic

rate of tax to 25p and top rate to 40p, adding fuel to an already overheated economy. Mrs Thatcher calls Budget a "humdinger" but privately she is in deep disagreement with Lawson over his policy of shadowing the Deutschmark. She is furious at his policy of holding down the pound by selling it heavily on the for-eign exchanges. "You cannot buck the markets," she says. Lawson again cuts interest rates and the economy moves towards an inflationary boom. It is later admitted that serious policy errors have

been made. March 23: Tony Benn challenges Neil Kinnock for Labour leadership. Eric Heffer challenges Roy Hattersley for the deputy's job. Prominent leftwingers resign from Campaign Group in protest. March 30: John Prescott en-

ters the contest for deputy leadership. Kinnock stakes his authority on the re-election of Hattersley.
April 17: Michael Heseltine

is accused bitterly by ministers of being the inspiration. behind an imminent revolt. on the poll tax. April 18: Government major-

ity slumps to 25 as Tories attempt to wreck poll tax bill with "ability to pay" amendment. Kinnock says the Tory flagship has been badly holed. Defiant Thatcher presses ahead and sends bill to Lords.

May 9: Labour drops nationalisation without compensation.

May II: David Steel decides against contesting leadership of merged Social and Liberal Democrats. May 17: Lawson cuts interest

rates from 8 to 7.5 per cent. the lowest since 1978. June 5: Kinnock explicitly sees the collapse of world abandons unilateralism for stock markets, with £50 bil- the first time. "There is now lion wiped off London share no need for something forMargaret Thatcher's last years in power were played out to a backdrop of turmoil at home and abroad. Philip Webster traces the events that brought John Major to office. Over the following eight pages Times writers analyse the Parliament which is about to be dissolved and the general election to come

nothing unilateralism. " he of discontent for the Eurosays in a television interview. June 13: Denzil Davies resigns as his defence spokes-man over lack of consultation before. Kinnock statement. More confusion on Labour nai turmoil and helps Toric to 12 per cent opinion poll lead.

June: Lawson begins to apply the brakes. Interest rates soar from 7.5 per cent to 13 per cent by November. There are and August 23. Edward Heath says Lawson is a one-club man, and that club is interest rates. The consumer boom results in a July £2.15 billion trade deficit.

July 14: A good result in the Kensington by-election lifts the cloud over Kinnock leadership.

July 28: Paddy Ashdown becomes leader of the SLD. heavily defeating Alan Beith September 21: Mrs Thatcher sets her face against European political and economic union in a speech that becomes a rallying point for the anti-federalists, and a source

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Govan by election to SNP. November 16: Thatcher makes farewell visit to Ronald Reagan. They hall their periods of office as a turning point in world history. November 28: Lawson under emising Conservative and

Labour attack in Commons over high interest rates. December 4: Edwina Currie says most of the country's egg production is infected with saimonella. Huge drop in egg demand follows. December 16: Mrs Currie

resigns: Sir Alan Walters, Mrs Thatcher's former economic years in the battle against inflation. He calls the ERM

January 12: Lawson tells MPs that inflation is worsening. February 1: Labour's defence policy review team boosted by

multilateralist approach. February 24: False dawn for SDP as it seizes second place in Richmond by-election. Labour moves into poll lead for first time since election. April 12: Labour waters down renationalisation. Only

water and BT would be re-

Kremlin support for its

turned to public sector.

May 1: Mrs Thatcher recalls Sir Alan Walters to Downing Street, infuriating Lawson. May 4: Cabinet dinner sa-lutes Mrs Thatcher's decade as prime minister.

May 5: Labour takes Vale of Glamorgan by-election from May 9: Policy review ends with Kinhock winning sup-port from national executive for end of unilateralism.

Walters is reported to have criticised Lawson at city lunches. The Lawson-Walters-Thatcher row spills over into a loss of confidence in the

May 12: Kinnock says he might press nuclear button. May 14: Tory unhappiness over Mrs Thatcher's hardline Edward Heath says she would leave Britain a "sec-

May 19: Inflation hits 8 per cent. Mrs Thatcher blames Lawson for letting economy get out of hand.

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Lawson as pound slides. June 15: Labour triumphs in European parliament elections after disastrous Tory campaign dogged by rows over Thatcher policy. June 27: At the historic Ma-

drid summit Mrs Thatcher agrees that, subject to conditions, Britain will one day join the ERM. It is revealed much later that she does so only after a threat to resign from Sir Geoffrey Howe, her foreign secretary, and Nigel

July 6: Tory backbench out-

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marginal seats are at risk because high-spaders will be bailed out by thorudent. July 24: Drainatic reconstruction of cabiet sees Sir

Geoffrey Hoye moved, gainst his will, fim the Foreign Office beause Mrs Thatcher dislikeshis preference for speedy European integration. John Aajor promoted to foreign scretary to the Conservative arty, and Kenneth Baker to prty chairman. Sir Geoffrey as conso-

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October 5: Interet rates raised from 14 per ent to 15 per cent, guaranteeig a miserable Tory conference week

for Lawson. October 10: Government finds extra £1.3 billio to soften poll tax. October 24: Tory NPs and

Lawson ask for Waltrs to be silenced after his "RM is half-baked" jibe. October 26: Lawson esigns.

saying he can no loger ac-cept the presence of Valters at Number 10. Mrs hatcher had refused Lawso's de-mand for Walters's scalp. Within hours Waltes has gone too. She is fored to reshuffle her three min departments of state. Mior becomes Chancellor and Douglas Hurd freign

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November 5: Average oil tax of £278 predicted by government. November 22: Sir Athony Meyer announces he wil be a "stalking-horse" chabnger

to Mrs Thatcher. Theuture of the EC is the battlegound for the first contest sine she became leader in 1975. December 5: Mrs Thtcher secures a convincing vitory, but 60 MPs vote againt her or abstain. Many have told the whips that they woul not back her again.

1990 February 27: Chris Paen. the environment secretry, warns of huge poll taxbills being drawn up by counils. 1922 Committee warnedt is a "political cyanide pill for

March 8: Violent town sail

protests over poll tax. March 22: Labour wins est by-election success for 50 years, overturning 14,00 Tory majority to take Mid Staffordshire. Tory gloen deepens, poli tax reviw promised. Doubts our Thatcher leadership restface. Norman Tebbit says e would be ready to stand if se stood down, a move designd to spike Michael Heseltin who admits he would be a candidate. Mrs Thatche tries to steady nerves at Chie tenham central council. April 1: Poll tax introduced in

still a backbencher, unveils plans to reform poll tax. May 24: Labour's policy prospectus for the election launch, embracing the mar-

ship of the ERM.

June 5: David Owen winds

up the SDP. July 4: Chris Patten secures

extra £2.5 billion from Treasury to hold down poil tax.
July 12: Nicholas Ridley tells The Speciator that Germans Europe: resigns two days

August 1: Saddam Hussein sends Iraqi troops into Kunaval forces to the Gulf.

September 30: Kinnock se-cures national executive victory over defence spending but is deserted by six members of his shadow cabinet. October 4: Government chooses last day of Labour conference to announce entry into the ERM. Major and Hurd have quietly persuaded Thatcher over previous months that there is no alternative. Tory divisions over the union and a single currency resurface at a subdued party conference.

October 18: Tories lose Eastbourne, seat formerly held by Ian Gow, who was murdered by the IRA. Liberal Democrats overturn majority of nearly 17,000.

to win general election. October 28: Against Mrs Thatcher's furious opposition Rome European Council for start of second stage of EMU. She tells Commons it is "the back door to a federal Europe". She appears to un-dermine John Major's plan for a "hard ecu" common currency.
November 1: Mrs Thatcher's

uncompromising stand is the last straw for Sir Geoffrey Howe, who resigns. He is the last remaining member of the 1979 cabinet. November 13: Sir Geoffrey

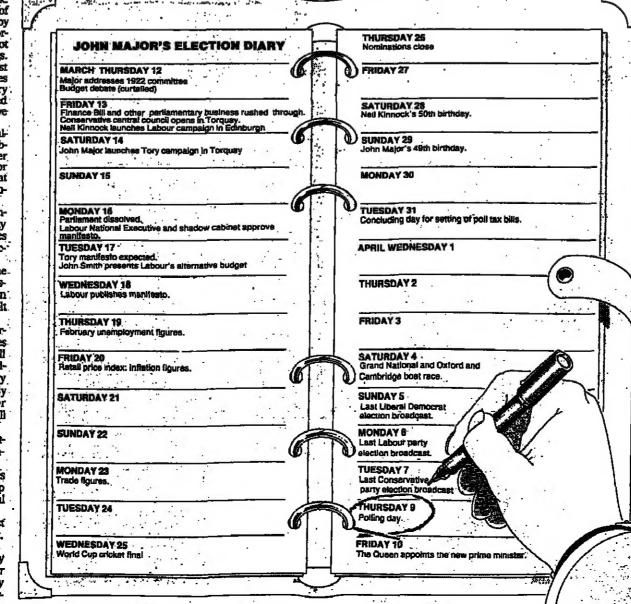
makes a devastating resignation speech which virtually incites a challenge to Mrs Thatcher's leadership. She is, he says, risking Britain's future by her attitude to Europe. The time has come for others to consider their own response to the tragic conflict of loyalties with which I have myself wrestled for perhaps too long," he says in a speech that stuns the Commons.

November 14: Heseltine, who has been wavering. flings down the gauntlet. November 20: Mrs Thatcher polls 204 votes to Heseltine's

152, insufficient for an over-, all first ballot victory. In Paris she declares she will fight the second ballot November 21: Mrs Thatcher

declares "I fight on. I fight to win", but one by one the cabinet visits her to tell her that she will lose and hand the leadership to Heseltine. By midnight she has decided

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State-of-the-art party machines are overhauled for the drive to win power



Ladder to success: the party campaign chiefs

For the next the weeks, the eyes and ears of he nation will be bombarded widthe wizardry

By common consent, under the guidance of Peter Mandelson, Labour had the best campaign. of modern political alesmanship. Television screens till echo with soundbites, recesion-hit newspaper advertising remues will get a welcome boost and hardly a night will go by athout a party

The battle for ower is about shoring up long-sinding support and winning overhe undecided. But there is another side: behind the crossfire of slows and images lie the party macines.

Money, managment and manpower are the ke — and, on the face of it, the bries enter the campaign with aluge advantage. Chris Patten, he Tory chair-

man, has an election war chest of around £20 milon, more than twice the £9 millin the party spent in the 1987 eletion. John Cunningham, his Laour counterpart, will have to mak do with about £8 million. Des Wison, the Liberal Democrat campign chief, is the poor relation. Hs £2 million budget is no more tan the alliance of the Liberals ad the SDP mustered four yearago.
Yet, as the 1st election demon-

strated, biggesis not always best.

Drawing heavily on unpaid help from its friends in the advertising industry and making the most of limited resources, it outshone the Tories in the image business. The campaign fell apart in the end as the contradictions of the party's taxation and defence policies be-

came all too apparent. Labour enters this election free of much of the ideological baggage that weighed it down in 1987. With a straight fight in prospect. Mr Patten must be worried that the managerial skills honed at Walworth Road since the mid-1980s could give Mr Kinnock a decisive edge. He will also be concerned about the relative

lack of experience of his team of

election planners at Conservative

Central Office.

Shaun Woodward, the communications director, and Andrew Lansley, the research chief, have never fought an election campaign. Mr Patten, who is defending a water-thin majority in Bath, will have to divide his time between the national campaign and battling to save his political skin. In an attempt to strengthen Smith

Supporting the crossfire of slogans and images are the workers who keep the election battle on course and in top gear. Nicholas Wood reports on the campaign behind the campaign

Square's political expertise, John Wakeham, who is stepping down at the election, and Gillian Shephard, a junior Treasury minister, have been drafted in.

A concerted effort has been made to devise a coherent election strategy in which early campaigning has featured a determined attempt to keep the Tories' strongest cards - the economy and taxation, trade union reform, defence and John Major's leadership - in the public eye and to tarnish Labour's positive image on education and health.

Mr Patten has had to work fast. As one insider put it "A year ago when we asked what the election strategy was, they talked about bringing in half a dozen temporary press officers." Now, with the appointment of Bill Muirhead as the linkman to Saatchi and Saatchi and the close involvement of Maurice Saatchi.

plus the arrival of Russ Pipe as head of presentation, the party machine believes it is better equipped for the fray.

As in 1987, the Tories have poured staff and equipment into 70 marginal seats it must hold to be sure of repulsing Labour. Central Office has sought to reverse the long-running decline in the number of constituency agents. Tory analysis of the results last time concluded that, on the strength of national voting. Mrs Thanher should have had a majority of 60. In fact she romped home with a majority of 101 because of the success of the marginal seats operation.

The party enters the campaign at least £10 million in the red and the campaign is bound to be followed by some drastic cost-cutting. As Lord McAlpine, the for-mer treasurer, who is reputed to have been recalled to the colours for a final appeal to business backers, was fond of remarking: "It's better to be broke and in government, than in opposition and solvent."

Labour also faces the daunting prospect of cutting jobs at its Walworth Road headquarters in with London once the campaign is over. The party appears to be on course to fill its campaign war chest with a last-minute whipround among trade unions.

Neil Kinnock has formed his leader's committee" to oversee the campaign. This is the apex of a pyramid of informal committees which for months, under the leadership of Jack Cunningham, the campaigns co-ordinator, has been quietly plotting the The committee reflects the shad-

ow cabinet, the national executive and the trade unions, which put up most of the money. Bill Morris, no takes over as general secretary of the transport workers' union, and John Edmonds, general secretary of the GMB general union, are the key union members. The shadow cabinet is represented by Roy Hattersley, John Smith, and Bryan Gould. John Prescott and Jo Richardson are

among those giving voice to the

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The Liberal Democrats start the campaign in better shape than at the last election. In place of the triple-headed monster of 1987, which dissolved into bickering and confusion among the separate Alliance, SDP and Liberal campaigns, the centre party has a single campaign under a single leader and a single campaign chief. Mr Wilson has spent a year welding the party into a coherent fighting force

Once the campaign begins. Mr Wilson and his ten-strong group of election planners will be in sole charge of the election machine based at the former SDP nerve-centre in Cowley Street, near the Commons. Paddy Ashdown, the party leader, will be the main

The centre party this time will not be placing so much emphasis on target seats. Instead, it will be operating "layered targeting". a system in which objectives are set for each local party. Activists flighting an unwinnable seat might be asked to aim for 10 per might be asked to aim for 10 per cent of the poll. Those in more promising terrain might be aim-

Tories ignore the lessons of history

By Robert Morgan, parliamentaretaff

IN THE final kick for the finishing line, the athlete asks himself: Have I gone too early? John Major must be asking himself that question today. Historical precedent suggests that had he waited for May he might have had a better chance of winning. And had he waited until June it might have been better still.

The early summer has been a good time for the Tories when it comes to winning elections. Since the end of the second world war they have won all three contests in June and both those in May. There are no post-war precedents for an April poll.

In the 13 general elections since the war. October has been the most popular month, but June has the best omens for the Conservatives. The party won two stunning June victories under Mrs Thatcher, in 1983 and 1987, and one under Edward Heath when he defeated Harold Wilson's Labour govern-ment in 1970. The Tories won the election in May 1955 majority to 60 and in May 1979 when Mrs Thatcher had her first win after the socalled winter of discontent.

When party leaders let the Parliament run into the fifth and final year, things tend to go awry. The Artlee govern-ment was elected in July 1945 and remained in power for almost five years. When the election came in February _abour was all but crushed and a majority of 146 reduced to only six. The Liberals and all other minor parties were virtually wiped out Eighteen months later in the first of the four October elections. Winston Churchill led the Conservatives to a 17seat overall majority.

in May 1955 the people gave an overwhelming vote of confidence to the new prime minister, Anthony Eden. He had taken over from Churchill only seven weeks before polling day.

October again proved a good month for the Tories in 1959. Under Harold Macwith an overall majority of

100. The Parliment was to go the full termAlthough an election had sened likely in 1963, spy sandals, the Profumo affairind Macmil-lan's illness resited in delay. Sir Alec Dougls-Home took over the leaderhip but at the end of what abour called "13 wasted yers" he lost on October 15, 164, to Harold Wilson. Labor had an over-all majority offive. That ma-jority was reuced to three when Labou lost a by-elec-tion in Januar 1965.

In March 1966. Harold Wilson sougt a fresh man-date and Labur won with a majority of 37. Four years and three rouths later, the

and three months later, the Conservative, now led by Edward Hath, were returned to pover with an over-

Less that four years later Wilson was back in power, but only ju! The first of the two 1974 lections was on February 1 and it was not until three lays after polling that Wilsa was asked to form a gornment when it became clar that no party had an orrall majority. On October 1. in the second election. Lbour won with an overall miority of three. It had been ne shortest Parliament this entury. Harold Wilson resigned

the prim ministership in 1976 to be succeeded by James Caughan, Like Attlee, Douglas-Jome and Wilson before hin. Callaghan took the Parliment well into its subs. OnMay 3, 1979. Margaret Thicher led the Tories back to piver with a majority of 44. Cl June 9, 1983 she increased that majority to 144 ove all other parties. her luck time and four years later the ories had a majority of 10, Mrs Thatcher was the first sarty leader for 150 years to fin three elections in

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Faces that pass into history



David Owen

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Veteran leaders join the exodus from Parliament

BY ROBIN OAKLEY, POLITICAL EDITOR



Michael Foot

Cecil Parkinson

Leaving the House with Mrs Thatcher, who will not contest the Finchley seat she has held since 1959, are ten former members of her cabi-

nets: Sir Ian Gilmour, Sir Geoffrey Howe, Nigel Law-son, John Moore, Cecil Parkinson, Nicholas Ridley, Norman Tebbit, John Wake-ham, Peter Walker and George Younger.
Accompanying Mr Foot into retirement on the Labour side are Denis Healey, reckoned by many to be the best foreign secretary Britain nev-er had, and the former home

WHATEVER happens at the election the new House of

Commons will be without two former party leaders, both of whom have commanded the House of Commons in their

different ways: Margaret Thatcher and Michael Foot

secretary Merlyn Rees, to-gether with other former ministers Peter Archer, Denis Howell, Sir Patrick Duffy, Alex Eadie and Harry Ewing. The departure of Robert Boscawen, a longitime Tory whip and member for Somer-ton and Frome, will deprive the Commons of its last holder of the Military Cross.

Quitting the Labour bench-es is the whip Frank Haynes, the stentorian questioner of the prime minister and crossparty chum of Mrs Thatcher. Jack Ashley, the retiring Labour MP for Stoke-on-Trent South, now 67, lost his hearing with a virus infection in 1968, two years after his election. He was persuaded by friends to stay on in Parliament where he has been one of the most effective cam-

paigners for the disabled. The volatility of today's pol-itical scene has removed the. former option of quitting in the course of a Parliament without special cause: MPs know that their party cannot afford by elections when in government, and a decision to stand again has become effectively a decision to serve through the next parliament. The parliament is expected

to be a strenuous one with a smaller majority whoever is in government. Anyone born fore April 1927 could be 70 before the end of the next parliament. Anyone born be-fore April 1932 could expect to reach the common retiring age of 65 by then.
The oldest MP on the Tory

side planning to stay on is Edward Heath. The former party leader, if re-elected, will become the father of the House. The nine other oldest Tories fighting again are Sir Trevor Skeet, aged 74, (Bed-fordshire North), Sir Hector Monro. 69 (Dumfries), Dame Peggy Fenner, 69, (Medway), Ralph Howell, 68 (Norfolk North), Sir Gerard Vaughan, 68, (Reading East), Sir Geoffrey Johnson Smith, 67, (Wealden), Dame Elaine Kellett-Bowman, 67 (Lancas-

ter), John Ward, 67 (Poole). and Sir Rhodes Boyson (Brent North), 66. The ten oldest Labour MPs fighting this election are forOrme, aged 68 (Salford East), Eddie Loyden, 68 (Liv-erpool, Garston), Jo Richardson, 68 (Barking). Robert Sheldon, 68 (Bow and Poplar), Tony Benn, 67 (Chesterfield), Roy Hughes, 66 (Newport East), Geoff Lofthouse, 66 (Pontefract), James Callaghan, 65 (Heywood and Middleton), and John Gilbert, 64 (Dudley East).

Veterans in other parties contesting this election in-clude the Rev Ian Paisley (DUP Antrim N), who is 66, Liberal Democrat Geraint Howells (Ceredigion and Pembroke N), 71, and James Molyneaux, the leader of the

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Westminster barriers slowly fall under female assault have a smaller proportion of women MPs. There may be some reathead of his policy unit, re-IN THE uncertain world of

election forecasting Maidstone is one place where no reputations will be lost with a small prediction: The constituency's MP after April 9 will be a woman. Ann Widdecombe, who

has held the seat for the Conservatives since 1987, is facing her main challenge from Anne Logan, Paula Yates and Penny Kemp, representing Labour, the Liberal Democrats and the Green party respectively. This enthusiasm is unlikely to be repeated in many constituencies, but

the number of women candidates at around 400 is a record. The Conservatives have 46 (plus 16 sitting MPs). Labour 110 (plus 24 MPs). Liberal Democrats 134 tolus one MPI and the Green party has 65 women candidates. At the dissolution there were 44 women MPs. 41 elected in 1987. three by-election winners. All are standing for re-

The 1987 figures were hailed at the time as record-inly France and Greece

Equality may still be a long way off. Roger Wood

wites. But women ae contesting this election in ecord numbers breking. The largest number of women candidates

(37) produced the largest number of women MPs. Apther landmark was the eletion of Diane Abbott as th first black woman MP. Ye the road to equal repre-setation still disappears oer the horizon. Women's goups complain that the ing hours and male club amosphere of the House at up barriers to women. Britain does not compare will with European assemlies. The 44 women repreent just under 7 per cent of Vestminster MPs: in Dentark the figure is 31 per ent, and in The Netherands 25 per cent. In the EC

Sir Geoffrey Howe

son for believing that 1987 represented a step forward. elections since 1945 the number of women candi-dates fluctuated between 74 and 276, while the number elected averaged 24. That the figures fail to

indicate is that women have to light much harder than their male colleagues to get their names on the ballot paper. This is particularly true of the Tories, where many constituencies appear unconvinced by the achievements of a woman prime minister. Labour and the Liberal Democrats operate a degree of positive discrimination in favour of

This is little comfort for John Major, who walked into severe criticism for failing to include any women in his first cabinet — the first to do so since Sir Alec Doug-las-Home in his 1963-4. Mr Major, who has a woman, Judith Chaplin, as sponded by saying that women would reach the top on their merits.

Teresa Gorman, the Conservative MP for Billericay. retorted: "A lot of men still only relate to women as nannies, grannies and lovers and not as actual colleagues working side by side with them. We want a seat at the top table. We do not want a few crumbs dropped from the table by the men any more." Jo Richardson, Labour's spokesman for women, says: "Men have had their run for long enough."
Labour is pledged to ensure that half of its MPs are

women by the year 2000. Last October's annual conference considered rule changes proposed by the national executive council to allow local parties to have an all-female shortlist of parliamentary candidates. The idea was not carried.

Ms Richardson said: "As much encouragement as possible should be given to

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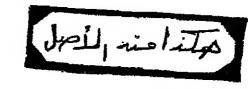
about the difficulties. There are quite a few local parties who will look for a woman. However, there are a large number who are more traditional where they will advertise for a candidate, expect to have a majority of men applying and will probably look to put one woman on the shortlist and call it a day at that."

The Conservatives dismiss the idea of quotas or central control over the se-lection of candidates with the observation that this is a matter for autonomous

Mr Major is a supporter of the 300 Group, an allparty organisation which campaigns for equal representation for women. Some members feel that true equality is so far off that a realistic target to aim for would be 100 women MPs by the end of the decade.

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BY ROBIN OAKLEY, POLITICAL EDITOR

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Manager of the Control of the Contro Market and 3 subject to the same and the sam THE central theme of what And the second s promises to be a bitter election has been clear for months. Throughout the phoney war period since the new year, Labour has sought to depict John Major and his AND THE PARTY OF THE PROPERTY OF THE PARTY O team as incapable of managing the economy. The Tories, beset by a recession which has lasted far longer than ministers expected, have concentrated their attack on the cost of Labour's spending plans, insisting in the words of party chairman Chris Patten: The second secon Dogs bark, cats miaow and Labour puts up taxes".

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Long term, the Conservatives, forced to increase bor-rowing to cope with the recession, remain committed to a "balanced budget" over the economic cycle and to the containment of public spending. But there is a new emphasis on increasing the quality of public services, with an £11 billion boost in last year's autumn statement.
John Major has renewed Mrs
Thatcher's commitment to reduce income tax further.

In the Masstricht negotiations Mr Major reserved Britain's position on joining a single European currency with the "opt-out clause". He and Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, have fought off pressures to devalue within the exchange rate mecha-nism of the European monetary system. Bearing down on inflation remains the central focus of Tory economic policy, with ministers emphasising that low inflation is the

key to prosperity.

The Conservatives remain committed also to further denationalisation. British Coal and British Rail are scheduled for privatisation in the next parliament.

The Liberal Democrats, enthusiastic about a single Eu-ropean currency, are pledged to make the Bank of England independent and to put the pound into the narrow band of the exchange rate mechanism of the European mone-tary system. They are plan-ning an economic package to get 400,000 people back to work within a year, measures

Labour, promising to build a partnership with industry and to promote steady and sustained growth, is promising a training revolution and planning to introduce a statutory minimum wage of £3.40 an hour, criticised by the Toincrease unemployment. It proposes a system of

credit management, with restraints on bank lending, to prevent another credit boom. There would be a national nvestment bank to mobilise private capital for publicly led projects and regional devi-elopment agencies. While no longer supporting incomes policies. Labour has promised to keep public sector pay "broadly comparable" with movement diswhere. Party spokesmen have been

ruthlessly disciplined not to make any spending commit-ments beyond the £2.4 billion package to uprate pensions.
(by £5 for single pensioners and £8 for couples) and to restore child benefit to its real value in 1987 (around £9.55 for every child) and a £1 billion "recovery package" for training and employment.

The Tories are committed to further reductions in the standard rate of income tax. although ministers have admitted that it may take more than one parliament to reach the target of 20p. John Major surprised MPs by ruling out further increases in VAT. But Treasury ministers have said that this does not rule out for all time a broadening of the VAT tax base. Labour is committed to in-

creasing the top rate of tax from 40p to 50p. John Smith, the shadow chancellor, has also said it will re-move the £21,000, a year ceiling on employees national insurance contributions. Labour would also remove the distinction between earned and unearned income, imposing a charge equivalent to the 9 per cent national insurance contribution on savings income of more than £3,000 a year. Tories say that would hit early and a merget of tax and a netirers living on redundancy national insurance systems, payments and widows living They are planning a switch to on the income from coupentaxes on pollution, rather sation. But Labour will exthau on income or spending. Tempt the income of tempt



Getting the message: graffiti in Bristol typifies the hostility to the poll tax that led the Tories to rethink

Liberal Democrats push for electoral reform

ELECTORAL reform will increases of 10p a gallon each take a higher profile at this election than in any before. The Liberal Democrats are campaigning on the basis that it is the whole system of government which needs reform, not just the policies of

Paddy Ashdown is sworn to do no deals in a hung Parliament unless the Liberal Democrats are promised legislation on PR, although few expect such a deal to be on offer until a second consecutive hung parliament. There is growing pressure for PR

pick up former SDP votes and to counter the Liberal Democrais.

Neil Kinnock, fearful of being depicted as having given up the hope of Labour too in Labour's ranks, in part account, has not supported fostered by the eagerness to PR. But Labour has support-

ed electoral reform for its proposed Scottish assembly and he is careful to say that he wants to encourage debate on the appropriate voting system

for Westminster. The campaign for Labour to adopt PR, will intensify if the party fails to win an election for the fourth time in a

Deep split on council funding

RV JILL SHERMAN POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE unpopular poll tax, and its likely successors, have dominated the political agenda over the past year and will be a key issue in the election campaign. The Conservatives quickly disowned the community charge as soon as John Major became prime minister and decided to replace it with a council tax comprising both a property and a person-

The council tax would be based on seven bands starting at property valued at

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£40,000 and ending with a top band of £320,000. Labour would replace the poll tax with a property-based tax related to the ability to pay, which it claims would save an average of £140 a household. The new tax, which would also be introduced in April 1993, would be based on the valuation registers used for assessing

rates until 1989. The Liberal Democrats' solution to the poll tax is a local income tax set by local councils and collected by the

Labour holds high ground on NHS BY NICHOLAS WOOD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

Health is easily Labour's strongest card. According to Mori's polling, Labour outscores the Tories by more than two-toone on the issue.

Surveys in the autumn showed that as many as three people in four believed the government's re-forms amounted to backdoor NHS privatisation. Robin Cook, Labour's health spokesman, appears to have an attentive audience for the campaign.

The government's problem is that it is implementing far-reaching changes rushed through by Marga-ret Thatcher and close cabinet colleagues in response to one of the services' recurring funding traumas.

Although ministers can cite polling evidence point-ing to high levels of patient satisfaction with doctors and hospitals, the attempt to translate market disciplines to a vast, state-run bureaucracy is at too early a stage to produce definitive results.

William Waldegrave, the health secretary, will continue to argue doggedly that the best way of raising standards is by making hospitals compete for patients and therefore money. He will dismiss, as scaremongering and lies, Labour claims that the service is being privatised as hospitals leave its umbrella. The decision to delay the election until this year will help Mr Waldegrave. Trust hospitals have not gone bust: fund-holding has proved surprisingly popular among GPs, and the BMA has softened its ini-

tial outspoken opposition. After flirting with the purchaser/provider split at the core of the internal market. Labour has come down against salvaging even this vestige of Tory reforms. Although Mr Cook would bring trust hospitals back under health authority control, he is also planning a £400 million incentive fund to

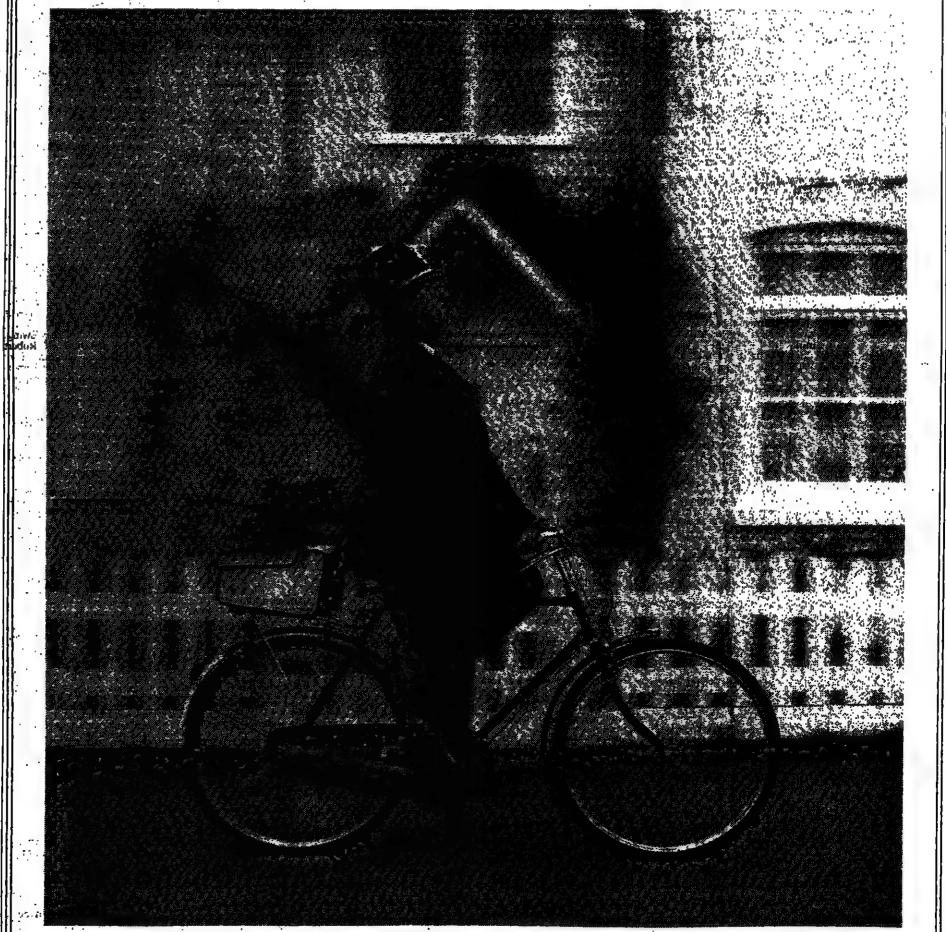
reward those that meet performance targets. In place of the fund-holding scheme, he intends bonuses for GPs who play an active part in raising

Labour would also revive free eye tests and dental checks and ban tobacco advertising. A cabinet com-mittee will be set up on health promotion and a London-wide authority created to reorganise services.

Mr Cook has been unable to win a commitment from his shadow Treasury. colleagues to a specified amount of extra cash. Instead, he will advance behind a promise to restore "underfunding", variously assessed at around £6 billion. This will take at least the lifetime of a parliament.

In their different ways, the Imain parties accept that the NHS has to be made more consumer-friendly. They are promising more information to patients, more courteous service and an end to interminable waits in out-patient clinics. The Tories, through the patient's charter, are promising a maximum waiting time for surgery of two years. Labour plans a taskforce to tackle waiting list blackspots and proposes a national quality commission to set and enforce standards. Preventive medicine is another area where there is high degree

of agreement. The Liberal Democrats lean more to Labour's diagnosis of the service's ills, deploring the Tories' "commercialism", and saying that more money should go hand in hand with a greater emphasis on healthy lifestyles, consumer rights and democratic accountability. Understandably, given the thunder generated by the two main parties, it has chosen to concentrate its fire elsewhere.



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In June 1987, Margaret Thatcher was swept back into power with a majority of 101, not counting the Speaker, and a majority over Labour of 146. Here, in alphabetical order, are all 650 seats of the parliament just dissolved, showing: percentage vote, sitting MP and majority

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DURHAM NORTH: Lab 56.3% 109/A122.6%; C21.3%

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Sitting MP: MATES MJ
Majority 13.7%
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Sitting MP: MITCHELL D B
Majority 13.437

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HAMMOROUGH: C59.5%: L/AII 27.7%: Lab 12.0% Sixing MP. FARRJ A Majority 18.810

HARLOW: C47.3%; Lab 34.6%; SDP/AB 16.2% Skring MP: HAYES JJJ Majority 5.877

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HARWICH CSLIFE UAL 10.5%: Lab 17.5%; OFF 00.3% Sitting MP: RIDSDALEJ Majorky 12,082

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HENDON SOUTH CSS. 6% L/All

FIENLEY: C61.2%; UAL24.3%; Lab

HEREFORD: C47.5% L/All 44.9%

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Sitting MP: PAGE R L Majority 15.784

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Sitting MP: KNOW/LIS M
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PETERBOROUGH: C49.5% Lab 33.7% LAM 16.2% Gm 00.9% Sitting MP: MAWHINNEY BS Majority 9.784 Majority 9,784
PLYMOUTH, DEVONPORT:
SDP/AII 42.3%; C29.3%; Lab 28.5%
Sitting MP, OWEN DAL
Majority 6,470
PLYMOUTH, DRAKE: C41.4%;
SDP/AE 33.4%; Lab 24.2%; Grn 01.3%
Sitting MP, FOOKES J E
Majority 3,125
PLYMOUTH, SUTTON: C45.8%;
LAB 12.7%; Lab 14.4%. L/All 37.92: Lab 16.4%. Sitting MP: CLARK A K M Majority 4.013 PONTEFRACT AND PONTEFRACT AND CASTLEFORD: Lab 67.0%; C21.2%; L/AE 11.3%: RF90.7% Sitting MP: LOFTHOUSE G Majority 21.626 POOLE: C 57.5%: SDP/AE 32.6%: Lab 10.0% Sirting MP: WARD J D Majority 14.808 PORTEMOUTH NORTH: C55.4% SDP/All 24.8%; Lab 20.0%; Station MP: GRIFFITHS # H & Majority 18.401 majority 18.401
PORTSMOUTH SOUTH: C 43.3%;
SDP/AII 43.0%; Lab 13.0%; 657 Purty
60.9%
Sitting MP: MARTIN DJ P
Majority 205 Majority 205
PRESTON: Lab 52.5%; C 28.6%; L/All
19.0%
Sirting MP: WISE A
Majority 10,645 PUDSEY: C45.6%; L/All 34.1%; Lab 20.5% Sitting MP: SHAWJG D Majority 6.436 PUTNEY: C 50.5%; Lab 36.1%; L/AB 12.4%; Grn 01.1% Sirting MP: MELLOR DJ Majority 6.907

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SDP/AII 25.4% Lab 11.4% BN 00.5%
Sitting MP: HUNT J L
Majority 16.919
READING RAST: C 53.9% SDP/AII
23.3% Lab 21.5% Gra 01.3%:
CSOSMG 00.3%
Sitting MP: VAUGHAN G
Majority 16.217
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ROSSENDALE AND DARWEN: C 46.6% Lab 36.4%; L/AB 15.2% Sitting MP: TRIPPTER DA Majority 4,982 ROTHER VALLEY: Lab 56.4%; C 25.0%; SDP/All 18.5%; WRP 00.3%; Sitting MP: BARRON K J Majority 15,790 ROTHERHAM: Lab 59.7%: CZZ.1%: LAR 18.3%

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Sitting MP: CROWTHER JS

Majority 16.012

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51.6%: Lab 25.0% LAR 23.5% Sitting MP. PAWSEY J F
Majority 16,264
RUISLIP, NORTHWOOD: C62.7% KUSLIP, NEKTHWUDE C 62.7 UAB 23.9% Lab 13.6% Siring MP WILKINSON JA D Majority 16.971 RUSHCLIFFE C 58.9% SDP/AII 23.0% Lab 16.6% Gm 01.8% Majority 20.839
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L/AE 23.5% Lab 14.6%
Sitting MP-LATHAM MA
Majority 23.022
RYEDALE: C 53.4% L/AE 38.6% Lab
08.2% Sitting MP. GREENWAY JR.
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27.4%; 3DP/AH 13.4%; WRP 00.4% Sitting MP: ORME 9 Majority 12.086 SALISTEURY: C 54.9%; SDP/AH 35.1%; Lab 09.5%; Ind 00.7% Sitting MP: KEY SR Majority 11.443 SCARBOROUGH: C 50.7%; SDP/AE 25.8%; End 24.7%. 25.8% Fab 23.7% Sitting MP: SHAW M Majority 13.626 SEDGEPTELD: Lab 56.1%: C27.9% SDP/All 16.2% Sitting MP: BLATRA C L Majority 13.058 SELBY: C51.6%; Lab 26.8%; L/All .: 21.7% Sitting MP: ALBON M J H Majority 13,779 SEVENOAKS: C50.0% L/AB 27.9% Lab 13.2% Sitting MP. WOLFSON G M
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C 17.1%: SDP/AE 14.0%: RF 90.8%:
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51.9%: C 22.7%: SDP/AE 19.6%
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SHERWSBURY AND ATCHAM. C 17.9%; L/AII 3 1.2%; Lab 19.9%; Gen 01.3% Sitting MF: CONWAY D L Majority 9.064 SHROPSHIRE NORTH: C\$2.2% L/AI27.5%; Lab 20.4% Sitting MP: BIFFEN W J Majority 14.415 Majority 14.415 SKIPTON AND RIPON: C 59.0%: L/AB 28.5%; Lab 11.2%; Gcz 01.5% Storing MP: CUBRY D M Majority 17.174 HLDUKIPE C 47.0%; Lab 39.7%; SDP/AH 13.5% Sitting MP: WATTS J.A.-Majority 4,090 SOLIHULL-C61.1%; L/All 24.0%; Lab 15.0% Sitting MP: TAYLORJ M Majority 21,786 SOMERTON AND FROME: C 53.8%; L/AE 36.3%; Lab 10.0% Sitting MP. BOSCAWEN RT SOUTH HAMS: C 55.4%; L/All 34.1%; Lab 08.2%; Grn 02.0%; Loony 00.5% Sating MP: STEEN A D Majority 13.146 SOUTH RIBBLE: C 47.3% Lab SOUTH RIBBLE: C 47.3% Lab
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SOUTH SHIELDS: Lab 57.9%; C
25.7%; SDP/AE 15.5%; Dem 01.0%
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Majorky 13.851
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44.2%; Fab 32.2%; STD/AE 22.6% 44.3% LBD 52.2% SDP/AH 25.6% Shining MP. CHOPE CR Majority 6.716 SOUTHAMPTON, TRST. C 45.6%; Lab 33.3%; UAB 21.2% Sitting MP. Hills J A. Majority 6.954 SOUTHEND EAST: C 91.0%; SDP/All 24.2%; Lab 17.9% Sitting MP-TAYLOR E M Majority 13.847 POOTHEND WEST CS4A% LIAI



Channon: former Tory transport secretary SOUTHPORT: L/All 48.0%; C 44.6%; Lab 06.4%; Gra 01.2% Sitting MP: FEARN RC Majority 1.849 SOUTHWARK AND BERMONDSEY: L/AB 47.5%; Lab 39.8%; C 12.6%; Comm 00.4% Sitting MP: HUGHES S H W Majority 2,779 SPELTHORNE C 60.1% SDP/AIL 23.0%: Lab 17.1% Sittleg MP: WILSHIRE D Majority 20.050 STALBANS: C 52.6%; L/All 34.6%; Lab | 1.5%; Gen 01.4%; CPRP 00.2% Sixting MP: LFLLEY P B Majority 10,881

STHELENS NORTH: Lab 53.7%; C 27.3%; UAB 19.1% Sitting MP: EVANS J Majority 14.260 ST HELENS SOUTH: Lab 54.8%; C 26.8%; SDP/AB 18.7% Sirrbny MP: DEB MINGHAM G E Majority 13.801 ST IVES: C48.4%; SDP/AB 33.9%; Lib 17.7% String MP: HARRIS DA Majority 7,555

BYAFFORD: C5 LAY: SOP/AS
27.6% Lab 21.2% SIDING MP: CASH W N P Majority 13,707

BYAFFORDSHIRE MID: C 50.7% Lab 24.8% LAB 23.2% Indi C 01.5% Sinhing MP: HEDDILE B J Lab 17.9% STAPPORDSHIRE MID: C 50.7%;
Lab 24.3%; L/All 23.2%; Indi C 01.5%;
Simbig MP: HEDDILE B J
Majority 14.654
STAFFORDSHIRE MOORLANDS:
C 33.0%; Lab 28.1%; SDP/All 18.4%;
String MP: KNOK D L
Majority 14.427
STAPPORDSHIRE SOUTH: C
60.9%; L/All 20.1%; Lab 19.1%
Sixting MP: CORMACK F T
Majority 25.268
STAFFORDSHIRE SOUTH EAST: C
47.2%; SDP/All 26.5%; Lab 26.1%
Sixting MP: LIGHTBOWN D L
Majority 10.885
STALYBERDGE AND HYDE: Lab
48.4%; C 37.2%; SDP/All 14.5%
Sixting MP: PENDRY T
Majority 5.663
STAMPORD AND SPALDING: C
54.5%; L/All 31.6%; Lab 12.4%
Sixting MP: DAVIES J Q
Majority 14.007
HTEVENACH: C 42.1%; SDP/All
12.5%; Lab 23.5%
Sixting MP: WOODD J J R
Majority 3.40
HTOSTPORT: C 41.4%; Eab 35.3%;
SDP/AB 22.1%; Grm 01.3%
Sixting MP: FAVELLA R
Majority 2.853
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Satting MP. DEVLINT R
Majority 774
STOKE-ON-TRENT CENTRAL! Lab
52.6%: C 31.1%: SEPP/AE 16.5%
Hitting MP. FISHER M
Majority 9.770
STOKE-ON-TRENT NORTH-Lab
47.1%: C 31.4%: EDP/AE 21.6%
Sitting MP. WALLEY J L
Majority 8.513
STOKE-ON-TRENT SOUTH: Lab
47.5%: C 37.9%: L/AE 14.7%
Sitting MP. ASHLEY J
Majority 5.053
STRATFORD-ON-AVON: C 62.0%: STRATFORD ON AVON: C 62.0% L/All 27.9%: Lbb 10.2% Sitting MP. HOWARTH AT Majority 21, 165 STREATHAM: C 45,0%; Lab 39,3%; Majority 5.585
WARLEY WEST: Lab 49.3%; C
35.9%; L/AB 15.0%;
Sitting MP-AECHER P K
Majority 5.393
WARRINGTON NORTH: Lab
48.3%; C34.2%; SOP/AE 17.7%
Sitting MP-HOYLE E D H
Majority J.013
WARRINGTON SOUTHE C 41.0%;
Lab 35.9%; L/AB 22.2%
Sitting MP-BUTLER CJ
Majority 3.609
WARWICE AND LEAMINGTON C L/AE 15.9% Siming MP: SHELTON WJ M Majority 2,407 STRETFORD: Lab 55.2% C 12.5% STREET-PURIC US 55.2% C 12.5%; SPP/AB 12.4% Sitting MP-LLOYD AJ Majority 9.402 STBOUIS: C 50.2%; UAB31.3%; Leb Majority 7,637

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Shing MP: GARELTONES WATT "
Majority I 1.736
WAVENEY: C 48.4%; Lab 30.1%; 59.5%; CZR.5%; L/AB 16.0% Skiling MP: CLAY RA Misparty IL.672 SUNDERLAND SOUTH-Lab 54.1%; C30.5%; SDP/AB 14.6%; Gre 01.0% Skiling MP: MULLIN C.J Majority 12.613 SURBITON: C55.9%; SDP/AB SURBITON: C55.9%; SDP/AB SR 5%; Lab 14.4%; Gre 01.4% Majority 20.110
WELLINGBOROUGH: C 52.8%; Lab 28.5%; Lab 14.4%; Gra 01.4% Sitting MP: TRACEY R P Majority 9.74 I SURREY EAST: C 83.4%; L/Ali WELLINGSORDOGH: C 52.5%; Lab 27.2%; L/AB 20.1% Sitting MP: FRY P Majority 14.070 WELLS: C 53.6%; L/AB 37.6%; Lab 08.7%; Palking MP: HEATH COAT-AMORY D SURREY EAST COSA # DAII 24.0% Lab 10.5% Gm (2.3% String ME: HOWE G. Majority 18, 126 SURREY NORTH WEST: C 64.0%; L/A124.9%; Lab 11.3% Sitting MP: GRYLLE W M.J Majority 23.575. SURREY SOUTH WEST: C 59.5%; L/A134.4%; Lab 05.7%; Ind COS.6%; WHILWYN BIATFIELD: C45.7% SDP/AII 27.4%; Lab 26.4%; Ind C JABS4-75 Labo5-7% Ind CO.676
SKIL-14D-BOTTOMLET V H B M
Majority 14,343
SUSSEX MID: COL.176 L/ABS1-876
Labo7-4% 00.7% Sitting MP: EVANS D J Majority 10,903 Lab 07.4% Sitting MP: RENTON RT Majority I 8.292 SUTTON AND CHEAM: C 60.8%; Sitting MP: HARDY P Majority 20,092 WEST BROMWICH RAST: Lab
42.7% C 40.4%: L/AE 17.1%
Sitting M.P. SNAPE P.C.
Majority 983
WEST BROMWICH WEST: Lab SUITON AND CREAM COOKS.
L/AILS, 7%; Lab 10.7%
Skitting MP, MACPARLANE D N
Majority 15.718
SUITTON COLDIFICIDS C64.0%;
L/AILS4.7%; Dab 11.4% 50.5%: C37.2%; SDP/All 12.4% Siming MP: BOOTHROYD B Majority 5.253 Sitting MP. FOWLER PN Majority 21,183 SWINDON: C43.9% Lab 36.6%

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> 40.2%: Lab 06.6%: Gra 01.0%
> Sitting MP: BROWNEJ E D
> Majority 7.479 TIVERTONIC SEARCHARDENSE
> Lab 06.3%: LO 00.8%
> Sitting MP, MAXWELL-HYSLOP RJ
> Majorky 9.212
> TONBRIDGE AND MALLING: C
> 57.0%:SDP/AII 29.5%: Lab 13.1%: BN
> 00.7% WINDSORAND MAIDENHEAD C 56.9%: L/AH27.1%: Lab 11.2%: Ind C 03.3%; Grn 01.2%; BT 00.6% 00.7% Sitting MP: STANLEY J P Majority 14.429 Sitting MP: GLYN A. Majority 17.836 WIRRALSOUTH: C 50.2%; Lab 28.1%; I/AE 21.8% Sitting MP: PORTER G B Majority 10.963 TOOTING: Lab 44.3%; C41.3%; SDP/AII 13.3%; Gra 01.3% Sitting MP: COXT M rity L441 WIRRAL WEST: C52.0%; Lab 26.3%; TORBAY: C54.0%; L/AB37.6%; Lab L/All 20.3%; Grn 01.7% Sitting MP: HUNT DJ F Majority 12.723 08.5% Sitting MP: ALLASON R Majority 8,820 WITNEYICS7.6% LIAN 25.8% LIA TOTTENHAMI LIGHT TE CHEAT 16.8% L/AE 17.9%; Gm 01.5%; Guitskell Lab 10.8% Sitting MP. HURD DJ Majority 18.464 01.3%: WRP 00.5% · Sitting MP: GRANTB Majority 4.141 WOKING CSE. 1% LARS (4% LAS TRURO: L/All 49.1%; C40.9%; Lab 10.6% Sitting MP: ONSLOW CG D Majority 16.544 10.2% Siming MP: TAYLOR M O J Majority 4,753 WORINGHAM: C.61.4%: L/All 30.0%: Lab 08.7% Slichig MP: REDWOOD J A Majority 20.387 majority 4,753
> TUNBRIDGE WELLS: C 58.5%
> L/All 30.0%, Lab 11.6%
> Sitting MP: MAYHEW P
> Majority 16.122

TWICKENHAM: C51.9%; L/All 38.4%; Lub 08.4%; Gru 01.5%

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Sitting MP: JESSELT FH Majority 7,127

SDP/All 19.6% Stiting MP: COOMISS 5 C Majority 4.857

TATTON: C54.6%: SDP/A128.7%:

Lab 21.4%; FP 00.5% Bitting MP: FIAMHTON M N Majority 17.094 TAUNTON: C51.4%; SDP/AB 33.8%;

TYNE BRIDGE: Lab 63.1%; C 20.6%; SDP/All 16.4%; Sining MP-CTELLAND D G Majority 15.573
TYNE MOUTH: C 43.3%; Lab 38.8%; UAII 18.0% Sitting MP-TROTTER NG Majority 2,583

U : UPMINSTER C55 8% SDIVAL 22.2% Lab 22.1% Sitting MP: BONSOR N Majority 16.457 UNDRUDGE: C54.5% 1ab 23.5% SDP/All 19.0%; Grn 01.2% Sitting MJ: SHERSBY J M Majority 15,969

VAUXHALL: Lab 50.2%; C29.0%; SDP/AII 18.3%; Gra 01.5%; Comm

WARLEY BAST: Lab 50.3% C 35.9%

WARWICK AND LEAMINGTON C 49.8% SDP/All 24,5%; Lab 23,6%

BDP/AII21.6% Sitting MP. PORTER D Majority I 1.783 WEALDEN: C 64.2%; SDP/AII.27.5%;

Lab 08.4% Simbay MIP: JOHNHON-SMITH G Majority 20.110

WENTWORTH: Lab 65.2%; C21.9%;

WESTBURY: C51.6%; L/All36.4%;

WESTMINSTER NORTH: C47.4%: Lab 39.5%; SDP/AII 12.2%; Gra 01.1% Sitting MP: WHEELER J D

WESTMORLAND AND LONSDALE: C 57.6% L/All 29.2%

MOLVERHAMPION NORTH EAST: C 42.2% Lab 41.7% L/All 16.2% Skiling MP: HICKS M Majorky 204

Lab 12.1% Diming MP: WALTERS D M Majority 10,097

Majority 3.3 10

Majority 8,541

Gra 02.2%

SDP/AB 14.0% Sitting MP: FAULDS A M W Majority 5,585

SDP/All 23.4% Sitting MP: WALKER PE Majority 10,453 WORCESTERSHIRE MID: CSI.6%; Lab 27.5%; SDP/AB 21.0% 00.6%: RF 00.3%: Sitting MP: HOLLAND S K. Majority 9,019 Siming MP FORTH ME Majority 14,911 WORCESTERS FURE SOUTH: C 55.3%: L/Ali 32.0%; Lab 11.0%; Gra 51.5% DAIS LONG LOW M H
Majority 11.645
WORKINGTON: Lab \$2.4%; C
37.1%; L/AB 10.6%
Shring MP. CAMPBELL-SAVOURS D WAKEFIELD: Lab46.7%; C41.4% WAKEFIELD: Lab 46.7%; C41.4%; SDP/AR 12.1%
HISTORY MCP: MUNCHLIFFE D M
Majority 2.789
WALLASEN: C42.5% Lab 42.0%;
SDP/AE 15.6%
Sitting MCP: CHALKER L
Majority 279
WALLSEND: Lab 56.9%; C23.2%;
EDP/AE 20.0%
Shring MCP: GARREITT WE
Majority 19.384
WALSALL NORTH: Lab 42.6%; C
39.1%; L/AE 18.5%
Sitting MCP: WINNICK D J
Majority 1,790
WALSALL SOUTER Lab 45.0%; C
42.7%; L/AE 12.4%
Sixting MCP: GEONGER BT Majority 7,019 WORSLEY: Lab 48.1%; C35.1% L/All 16.9% Skiling MP: LEWIS T Majority 7.337 WORTHING: C61.M; UAII 28.7%; Lab 09.7% Sitting MP: HIGGINS T L Majority 18.301 WREKIN, THE: Lab 42.9%; C40.6%; WREKIN, THE Lab 42.9%; C 40.6%; SDP/AE 16.7%; String MP-GROCOTT B Majority I.456
WYCOMBE: C 53.9%; SDP/AE 27.5%; Lab 18.7%; SIRVAR MP-WHITNEY R W Majority 11,619
WYRE: C 53.1%; SDP/AE 24.1%; Lab 21.3%; C 90.0.4%; ALITE MAII 12.4% String MP: GEORGE BT Majority 1.116 WALTHAMSTOW: C39.1%: Lab 34.5%: SDP/AE 25.2%; DC01.2% Siring MP: SUMMERSON H Majority 1.512 WANSERGY. Lab 25 25 25 25 27 WANSBECK: Lab 57 5%; UAS 23.2%; C 19.5% 21.3% Gm 01.8% Skring MP: MANS K Majority 14.661 WYRE FOREST: C47.2% L/AE Sitting MP. THOMPSON J Majority 16,789 WANSDYKE: C 51.6%; L/All 25.2%; 34.0%; Lab 18.9% Stocky MP: COOMRS A Majorky 7,224 Lab 23.5% Sixting MP: ASPINWALL J H Majority 16,144 WANGTIAD AND WOODFORD: C 61.3%; L/AB 22.2%; Lab 16.6% Suting MP: ARBUTHINOT J Majority 16.412 WANTAGE: C 54.0%; SDP/AII 30.5%; Leb 23.3% \mathbf{Y} Lab 15.6% Sining MP: JACKSON RV Majorny 12,156

YEOVIL: LIAN 51.5% C41.3% Lab PANYLE DANSISSE CHASTE DE Sixtem MP: ASHDOWN J.J.D. Majority S, 700 MORE: C 41.7%: Lab 41.5%: SDP/AE 16.0%: Gtm 01.1% Sitting MP: GREGORY CR Majority 147 Scotland

ABERDRIEN NORTHI Lab 54.7% SDP/AB 17.9% C 14.4% SNP 18.2% Sining MP. HUGHES R Majority 16.278 ABERDRIEN SOUTH: Lab 37.7% C 34.9% SIDP/AB 21.0% SNP 06.6% SIDP/AB 21.0% SNP 42.4% C 32.6% SNP 17.2% Lab 12.1% Sitting MP. WELSH A Majority 1.544 ARGYLLAND BUTE: 1/AB 37.4% C 32.6% SNP 17.2% Lab 12.1% Sitting MP. MICHIEJ R Majority 1.344 7 MAYE C 32.5% Lab 39.1% L/AB 14.5% SNP 06.7% 14.8% SNP06.7% Sitting MP-YOUNGERG KH Majority 1439 Pl Ha NG P. A. S. L. ...

-B BANFF AND BUCHAN, SNP 44.3%; C38.5% SDF/AL09.6% Lab 07.5% Sirring MT: SALMOND A EA Majority 2,441

C CATTHNESS AND SUTHERLAND: SDP/AS 53.7%; C 16.8%; Lab 15.0%; SNP 10.4%; lad L 03.0%; Grn 01.5% Sitting MP: MACLENNAN RA R Majority 8,494 CAERICE, CUIENDOE AND DOOM VALLEY: Lab 60.1%: C20.8%: SDP/ABO9.7% SNP 09.6% Steing MP. POULKUS G Majority 16,802 CLACKMANNAN: Lab 53.8% SNF 21.0% C 14.9% SDP/All 10.5% Sizing MP: O'NEILLM J Majority 12.401 CLYDEBANK AND MILMGAVIE Lab 57.0%: C 15.8%: SDP/All 14.9%;
SNP 12.5%
SMP 12.5%
Majority 16.304
LIYDESDALE: Lab 45.3%: C 23.6%:
SDP/All 16.5%: SNP 14.8%
STICES ON PHOOD I
Majority 10.502
CUMBERNAULD AND RELSYTH:
Lab 60.0%: SNP 19.6%: SDP/All
11.4%: C 09.1%
Sitting MP. HOOG N
Majority 14.403
CUNNING HAME NORTY: Lab Lab 57.0%; C 15.8%; SDP/AE 14.9%; Majority 14,403
CXINNINGHAME NORTY: Lab
44.4% C34.1% SDP/AB 12.1% SNP
09.5%
58:Ebig MP: WILSON B D FI
Majority 4,422
CUNNINGHAME SOUTH: Lab
60.9% C 16.4% L/AB 11.9% SNP Sitting MP: LAMBIE D Majority 16.633 \mathbf{D} DUMBARTON: Lab 43.1%: C31.7%; SDP/AB 13.2%: SNP 12.2%

Skiing MP: MCFALLJ Mujority 5,222 DAJMFRIES: C41.7%; Lub 25.2%; SDP/All 18.0%; SNP 14.3%; Grit 00.8% Skring MP: MONRO H Majerty 7.443 DUNDER EAST: Lab 42.4% SNP 10.21. C 12.5% L/ASOL7% Sitting MP: MCALLION J Majority 1,015 DUNDEE WEST: Lab 53.4% C 18.0% SNP 15.4% SDP/AI 12.7% Comm 00.7% Sitting MP: ROSS E Majority 16,526 DUNFERMLINE EAST: Lab 64.8%; C 14.8%; L/AE 10.6%; SNP 10.0% Sitting MP: BROWN J G Majorhy 19.589 DUNFERMLINE WEST: Lab 47.1% C23.2%:SDP/AE21.1%: SNP 08.8% Slating MP: DOUGLAS W G Majority 9.402 E EAST KILBRIDE: Lab 49.1%;

SDP/All 23.5% C 14.7% SNP 12.6% String MP, INGRAM A P Majority 12.624 EAST LOTHIAN: Lab 48.1%; C 28.3%; L/AE 15.5%; SNP 07.3%; Gra 00.9% Simmy MP: HOME ROSERTSON J D Majority 10.105 EASTWOOD: C39.5% SOPIAN EASTWOOD: C39.5%: SDP/AII
27.3%: Lab 25.1%: SNP 08.3%
Sitting M.P. STEWART J.A.
Majority 6,014
EDINBURGH CENTRAL: Lab
40.2%: C34.7%: L/AII 17.9%: SNP
40.3%: Grn 01.1%
Sitting M.P. DARLING A
Majority 2,261
EDINBURGH EAST Lab 24.4% EDINBURGH EAST: Lab 50.4% C 24.5% LYAN 15.5% SNP 09.5% Sitting MP: STRANG G S

WOLVERHAMPTON SOUTH EAST: Lab 49.0% C33.1% L/AE 18.0% SHEER MP. TURNER D Majority 6.398 WOLVERHAMPTON SOUTH Sisting MP: GRIFFITHS N Majority 1,859 EDINBURGH WEST: C37.4%; L/AI WEST: C 50.7%; Lab 30.8%; SDP/All 34.9%: Lab 22.2%; SNP 05.7% Sitting MP: DOUGLAS-HAMILTON 18.6% PRODGEN N W Majority 10.318 WOODSPRING C 54.6% L/AE 27.0%; Lab 14.5%; Grn 02.1% Sixting MP. DRAN P Majority 17.852 Majority 1.234 EDINBURGH, LEITH: Lab49.4%; C

2Z.9%: SDP/AII 18.4%; SNP 09.5% Michael M.P. BROWN R.D.M Majority 11,327 Sixing MP: DEAN P
Majority 17.852
WOOLWICH: SDP/All 41.8%; Lab
37.1% C 21.3%
Fixing MP: CARTWRIGHT J C
Majority 1,937 EDINEURGH, PENTLANDS: C 38.3%; Lab 30.0%; SDP/AB 24.6%; Siming MP-RIPKIND M L Majority 3,745 SNP07.3% WORCESTER: C48.2%; Lab 28.5%;

FALKIRK EAST: Lab 54.3%; C
18.7%; SNP 15.4%; SDP/All 11.5%
Bitting MP: EWING H
Majority 14.023
FALKIRK WEST: Lab 53.2%; C
17.5%; SNP 16.6%; LIAB 12.8%
SHEED MP: CANAVAN DA
Majority 13.552
ETER CENTRAL LIAB CASE C. 14.7 Mangarity 13.552
FIFE CENTRAL: Lab 53.5%.C 16.7%
L/All 15.2%: SNP 14.8%
Sixting MP: MCLEISH H B
MAJORIY, 15.709
FIFE NORTH EAST: L/All 44.9%: C
41.3%: Lab 07.4%; SNP 06.6%
Sixting MP: CAMPBELL W M
Majority 1,447

G GALLOWAY AND UPPER NITHSDALE: C 40.5%; SNP 31.5%; L/All 14.7%; Lub 13.0%; Bestrol O.6% Sitting M.P. LANG I B Majority 3,673 GLASGOW CENTRAL: Lab 64.5%; C 13.1%; UAB 10.0%; SNP 10.0%; Gra 00.9%; Comm 00.8%; RF 00.4% Sitting M.P. MCTAGGART R Majority 17.253 GLASGOW, CATHICART: Lab 52.2%;
C22.4%; SDP/AE 15.2%; SNP 10.4%;
Sixting MP; MAKTON JA
Majmity 11.203
GLASGOW, GARSCADDEN: Lab
67.7%; SNP 12.3%; C 10.7%; SDP/AE

OPAS SIGNAMP: DEWAR D C Majority 18,977 GLASGOW, GOVAN: Lab 64.9%; SDP/AR 12.3%; C 11.9%; SNP 10.4%; Comm 0.7% Sitting MP: MILLAN B Majority 19.509 GIASIGOW, HILLAND: LAN 42.9% SDP/AR 35.2% C 14.5%; SNP 06.5% Grit 01.1% Sining MP. GALLOWAY G Majority 3,251 MARYHILL: Lab 66.5%; L/AII 17.7%; SNP 17.7%; C 09.4%; Gm

91.6% Skring MP: FYFE M Majority 19,364 GLASSOW POLLOIG UB 43.1% C 14.3% L/All 12.1% SNP 09.6% On Sizzing MIP: DUNNACHTE J Majority 17,983 GLASGOW, PROVAN: Lab 73.0%; SNP 12.2%; C 07.8%; SDP/AII 07.3%; Sitting MP: WRAY J Majorky 18.372 GLASGOW, RUTHERGLEN: Lab 56.1%: L/AE 24.4%; C 11.5%; SNP Sitting MP: MCAVOYT Majority 13.995

GLASGOW, SHETTLESTON Lab 63.6% C 18.3% SNP 12.8% L/AII Sitting MP: MARSHALL D Majority 18,981 GLASGOW, SPRINGBURN: Lab 73.7% SNP 10.5% COSSEG LIAE 07.9% GORDON: LAB 49.5% C31.9% Lab 11.6%; SNP 07.2% Finding MP: BRUCE M G Majorky 9,519 GREENOCK AND PORT GLASGOW: Lab 64.0%: L/All 17.9%; CON7%: SNF 04.6%

Sating MP: GODMAN NA Majority 20,055 H HAMULTON: Lab 59.7% C 14.5%; L/All 13.2%; SNP 12.8% Sitting MP: ROBERTSON G 1 M Majority 21,662

INVERNESS, NAIRN AND LOCHABER: L/AE 36.9%; Lab 25.4%; C23.150 KNP (4.85 Sitting MP-XOHNSTON R Majority 5,43 I

KILMARNOCK AND LOUDOUN: Lab 48.6% C 19.7% SNP 18.2% SDP/All 13.8% Sitting MP: MCKELVEY W Majority 14,127 KINCARDINE AND DIRECTOR C 40.7%: L/AE36.4%: Lab 16.0%; SNP 06.5%; Grn 00.7% Sitting MP: BUCHANAN-SMITH AL Majority 2.063 waguruy 2.063
KIRKCALDY: Lab 49.4%: C2 L3%:
SDP/AE 17.5%: SNP 11.5%
Sitting MP: MOONIE LG
Majority 11.570

LINLITHGOW: Lab 47.4%; SNP 24.9%; C 14.8%; SDP/AE 12.7%; Comm 00.4% Sitting MP. DALYELL T Majority 10.373 LIVINGSTON: Lab 45.6%; L/All 19.1%; C 18.8%; SNP 16.7% Sitting MP: COOK R F Majority 11.108 - **M**

MIDLOTHIAN Leb 48.7% & DP/Ali 22.1% C 18.3% SNP 10.6% Grp 00.9% Sixing MF EADIE A Majority 12.253 MONKLANDS EAST: Lib 61.0%; C 16.9%; SNP 12.9%; L/All 09.3% Shiring MP: SMITH J Majority 16.389" — MONKLANDS WEST: Lab 62.3%; C 15.7%; SDP/All 11.3%; SNP 10.9% Simon MP: CLARXET Majority 18,333 MORAY: SNP 43.2%; C35.1%; Lab NEURATE SNP 43.2%; C35.1%; Lab 11.4%; L/AE 10.5% String MP. RWING W M Majority 3,685. MOTHERWELL NORTH: Lab 67.0%; SNP 14.0%; C 11.1%; L/AE 08.0% Sitting MP: REID J Majority 23,595 MOTHERWELL SOUTH: Lab 58.4% SNP 15.4% C 14.5%; SDP/AB 11.4% Comm 00.6% Skring MP: BRAY J W Majority 16,930

0 ORKNEY AND SHETLAND: L/AL 41.7%; C23.3%; Lab 18.8%; OSM 14.6%; Grn 01.9% Sitting MP: WALLACE J R Majority 3,922

P PAISLEY NORTH: Lab 55.6%; C 15.9%; SDP/AI 15.8%; SNP 13.0% Sitting MP: ADAMS A Majority 14,442

15.2%; C 14.7%; SNP 14.1% Sitting MP. BUCHAN N F Majority 15,785 PERTH AND RINROSS: C 19.7% SNP 27.7%: L/All 16.9%; Lab 15.9% Sitting MP: FAIRBAIRN N H Majority 5,676

RENFREW WEST AND INVERCLYDE: Lab 38.8%; C 29.8%; SDP/AII 21.4%; SNP 10.2% Shifting MP. GRAHAM T Majority 4,063 ROSS, CROMARTY AND SKYE: SDP/AII 454%; C 19.7%; Lab 19.2%; SNP 11.3% SHIRING MP: KENNEDY C P Majority 11.3 19 ROXBURGH AND BERWICKSHIRE: L/AI 49.2%; C 37.2%; Lab 08.9%; SNP 04.8% Sixting MP: KIRICWOOD A.J Majority 4.008

. S FTIRLING: C37.5% Lab 36.6%; L/AB 15.0% SNP 10.5% Sining MP: FORSYTH M B Majority 548 STRATHKELVINAND BRANSDEN: LAB 3R PR: C33.4V; L/AB 21.5V; SNP 07.1% Sloting MP: GALBRAJTH 9 Majority 2.452

TAYSIDE NORTH: C 45.4%; SNP 33.0%; L/AR 12.9%; Lab 08.8% Sinning MP: WALKER W C Majority 5.016 TWEEDDALE ETTRICK AND LAUDERDALE: L/AB 50.0%: 0 29.7%; Lab | 1.4%; SNP 09.1% Sitting MP: STEEL D M \$ Majority 5.942

WESTIGEN ISLER Lai-41.7% SNP 28.5% SDP/AR 20.8% C 08.1% Sitting MP: MACDONALD CA Majority 2,340



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ABERAVON: Lab 66.8%; L/Ali 16.1%; C 14.5%; PIC 02.8% Sitting MP: MORRIS J Majority 20.609 Majority 20,509
ALYN AND DEESIDE: Lab 48.6%; C. 33.1% SDP/AII 15.5% PLC 01.1% Sitting MP. JONES S B Majority 6,383

В BLAENAU GWENT: Lab 75.9% C 11.5%: L/AII 08.9%: PIC 03.8% Majority 27,861

BRECON AND RADMOR: UAL

34.9% C34.7%: Lab 24.3%; Pi C

91.3%
Sixting MP: LIVSEY R A L

Majority 56

DRIDGEND: Uab 47.4%; C38.1%;
SDP/AI 12.2%; Pi C 02.4%
Sixting MP: GRIFFTTHS W J

Majority 4.380

Majority 4,380

CAERNARFON: PI C 57.1%; C 21.2%; Lab 15.9%; L/AB 06.0% Sloting MP: WIGLEY D W Majority 12,812 CAERFILLY: Lab 58.5% C 19.5% L/All 14.1% PI C 08.1% Sitting MP: DAVIES R Majority 19,167 CARDIFF CENTRAL C17.1% Lab 32.3%; L/AH29.4%; PICOLA% CARDIFF NORTH: C453% Lab 26.74 SDP/AII 26.5% PI C01.6% Sitting MP. JONES G H CARDIFF SOUTH AND PENARTH Lab 46.8%; C 36.6%; L/All 15.4%; PIC 01.4% Sitting MP: MICHAELA E Magnity 1.574 CARDIFF WEST: Lab 45.6% C 36.5%: SDP/AE 16.4%: PI C 01.7% String MP: MORGAN H R Majority 4.045 CARMARTHEN: Lab 35.4%; C 27.4%; PIC 23.1%; SDP/All 13.4%;

27.4%; PIC 23.1%; SDP/All 13.4%; Gm00.9% Skiting MP: WILLIAMS A W Majority 4.317 CEREDIGION AND FEMEROKE NORTH: UAB 34.7%; C24.5%; Lib 18.6%; PIC 16.3%; Gra 01.7% Skiting MP: HOWELLS G W Majority 4.700 CLWYD NORTH WEST: C 48.6%: Lab 24.9%; L/All 22.7%; PI C 04.0% Sliting MP: MEYER A Majority 11.781 CLWYDSOUTH WEST: Lab35.5%; C33.3%; SDP/AE22.9%; PIC08.5% Sitting MP.JONES M D Majority 1,028 CONWY: C38.7%: L/All 31.3%: Lab 22.3% PI C 07.9% Sitting MP: ROBERTS I WP CYNON VALLEY: Lab 68.9%; SDP/All 12.3%; C 12.2%; Pl C 06.7% Sitting MP: CLWYD A Majority 21.571 Majority 3.024

D DELYN: C41.4%; Lab 39.1%; L/All 17.0%; PIC 02.6% Sitting MP: RAFFAN K Majority 1,224 G

GOWER: Lab 46.7%; C34.5%; SDP/All 16.1% PIC 02.9% Sitting MP: WARDELL G L Majority 5.764

ISLWYN: Lab 71.4%: C 14.7%: SDP/AII09.5%: FI C 04.5% String MP: KINNOCK N G Majority 22.947 LIANELII: Lab 59.2%; C 17.2%; L/AD

13.5%; PIC 10.3% Sitting MP: DAVIES DJ D Majority 20,935

M MEIRIONNYDD NANT CONWY: PI C40.1%: C28.4%: Lab 17.0%: SDP/AII 14.7% Skting MP: THOMAS DE Majority 3.026 MERTHYR TYDFILAND RHYMNEY: Lab 75.4%; C 11.9%; LIAB 08.1%; PIC 04.7% Sitting MP: ROWLANDS E Majority 28,207 Majority 2.3.207
MONMOUTH: C47.6%; Lab 27.7%;
SDP/AI 24.1%; PIC 00.8%
Sitting MP: STRADLING-THOMAS J
Majority 9.350
MONTGOMERY: L/AII 46.6%; C

38.5%; Lab 10.5%; P1 C 04.5% Sitting MP: CARLILEA C Majority Z.558 NEATH: Lab 63.4%; C 16.2%; SDP/AB 14.1%; PI C 06.5% Sktting MP: COLEMAN D II Majorky 20.578 NEWPORT EAST: Lab 49.1% C 32.2% SOP/AB 17.7% PIC 01.1% Sining MP. HUGHES RJ Majority 7,064 NEWFORT WEST Lab 46.1% C 40.1%; L/AB 13.1%; P1 C 00.9% Sitting MP: FLYNN P P

OGMORE: Lab 69.4%; C 15.1%; SDP/AE 09.7%; PI C 04.4%; Ind Lab Sitting MP: POWELL R
Majority 22,292

PEMDROKE: C41.0%; Lab 31.0%; PONTYPHIDD: Lab SA.4% C 19.5% SDP/All 18.9%; PLC.05.4% Sitting M.P. JOHN BT Majority 17,287

R RHONDOA: Lab 73.4%; PI C 09.0%; 5097AB 08.3%; C 07.7%; Casses 01.9% 01.9% String MP: ROCERS A R Majority 30.386

SWANSEA EAST: Lub 63.7%; C 18.9%; L/AE 14.8%; PI C 02.7% Siding MP: ANDERSON D Majority 19.338 SWANSEA WEST: Lab 48.6%; C 33.1%; LIAU 15.5%; PI C02.0%; Gra MP: WILLIAMS AJ

TORFAEN: Lab SAPS L/AI 70.0%; C 19.1%: PIC 01.3%; Gm 01.0% Sitting MP: MURPHY P.P Majority 17.550

VALE OF GLAMORGAN: C46.5%, Lab 34.8%: SDP/AE 16.7%: PI C01.5%. Sitting MP: GOWER R Majority 6,25 i

WRICKHAM, Lab 43.9%; C35.7%; L/AB 19.5%: PICO1.1% Sitting MP: MAREK J Majority 4.152

YNYS MON: PI C 43.3%; C 33.3%; Lab 16.9%; SDP/AH 06.7% Sitting MP: JONES I W Majority 4.298

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ANTRIM BASTI UU 71.6%; AIL ANTRIM RASTI UU 71.6%; All 25.7%; WP 02.6%; Sirting M.P. BEGGS J.R. Majority 15.360 ANTRIM NORTH: DUP 68.6%; SDLP 12.5%; All 12.5%; PSF 06.4%; Sirting M.P. PAISLEY I.R.K. Majority 23.234 ANTRIM SOUTH: UU 69.8%; All 16.0%; SDLP 10.0%; PSF 04.4% Sitting MP: FORSYTHE C Majority 19,587

RELFAST EAST: DUP 62.0% AN 32.2%; WP04.0%; PSF02.0% Sinbug MP; ROBINSON FD Majority 9,798 BELFAST NORTH: UU 39.0%; SDLP BELFAST NORTH: 001391%; SDL 15.5%: PDT U 15.5%: PSF 13.5%; WF 08.4%: All 07.8% Sitting MP: WALKER A C Majority 8.560 BRLFAST SOUTH: UU 57.4%; All 21.3%: SDLP 13.1%: WP04.7%; PSF 03.2% Slitting MP: SMYTH W M Majority I 1.954 reajority i 1.954 BELFAST WEST: PSF41.2% SDLP 35.8%; UU 18.7%; WP 04.5% Sitting MP: ADAMS O Majority 2,221

D DOWN NORTH: UPUP 45.2% Real U 15 STEAD I UST. Sitting MP. KILFEDDERJA Majority 3,953 DOWN SOUTH: SDLP47.1%; UU 01.3% Sitting MP: MCORADY & K Majority 731

FERMANACH AND SOUTH TYRONE: UU 49.0%; PSF 26.5%; SDLP 19.2%; WP 03.3%; AE 01.7% SIMING MP. MAGINNIS K Majority 12.823 FOVLE: SDLF 48.9%; DUP 24.0%; PSF 18.0%; AE 02.7%; WP 02.2% Sitting MP: HUMEJ Majority 9,860

LAGAN VALLEY: UU 70.0% All 13.8%: SDLP 07.0%: PSF 06.4%; WP 03.0% Sitting MP: MOLYNEAUX J H Majority 23.373 LONDONDERRY EAST: UU 60.5% SDLP 19.3%; PSF | 1.2%; AE 06.7%; WP 02.0%; Gm 00.6% Sitting M.P. ROSS W Majority 20, 157

NEWRYAND ARMAGH: SDLP 48.1% UU 38.0% PSF 11.9% AB 01.3%: WP 01.0% Sitting MP: MALLON S Majority 5.325

STRANGFORD: UU 76.0%; AB 20.4%; WP 03.8% Sitting MP: TAYLOR J D Majority 20,646

ULSTER MID: DUP 44.2% SDLP 26.3%: PSF 24.0%; AU 03.6%; WP 26.3%; PSF 24.0%; AR US.0%; WI O2.2% Sitting MP: MCCREA R TW Majority 9.360 UPPER BANN: UU 61.6%; SDLP 20.5%; PSF 07.4%; AB 05.9%; WP

Poll surge revives three-party politics

BY ROBIN OAKLEY, POLITICAL EDITOR

IN THEORY the Liberal Democrats, entering this election with 22 seats, should linish with a smaller number in the next parliament. They have never yet approached in the opinion polls since 1987 the 23 per cent of the vote obtained at the last general election by the SDP/Liberal Alliance. But the party has risen lately in the polls, benefiting ironically from the publicity given to Paddy Ashdown over a five-year-old affair with a secretary.

Third parties have shown an ability to hold on to seats against the trend, and the Liberal Democrats have prospered over the past year, helped by the performance of their leader during the Gulf war, by their by-election victories at Eastbourne, Ribble Valley and Kincardine and Deeside, and by an unexpectedly good performance in last year's local government elections when they gained more than 500 seats.

The national picture is again becoming one of three-party politics. The importance of that to election prospects is that the Alliance ran second in 228 of the 375 seats won by the Conservatives in 1987.

any further Liberal Democrat surge will help the Conservatives by splitting the anti-

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in Eastbourne, Ribble Valley BALANCE OF POWER and Kincardine and Deeside, Conservative vote, as tended where they achieved by-election swings of 20, 25 and 11 per cent. And they will have in to happen in 1983 and 1987. or whether, by capturing a their sights the Tory party chairman, Chiis Patten, number of seats from the Tories, they will help Labour. whose majority over an Alli-ance candidate in Bath last Commentators believe that time was a precarious 1,412. They will be expecting to

the effect this time could be more like 1964, when a 1.5 million rise in the Liberal vote put an end to 13 Tory years and brought Harold Wilson to power. In February 1974 the Liberals gained four mil-lion votes and Edward Heath lost. In 1979 they dropped one million and Mrs Thatcher came to power.
The problem for the Liberal Democrats is in establishing

themselves as an electiontime alternative for hardheaded voters rather than a mere mid-term receptacle for protest votes. Mr Ashdown and Des Wilson, the campaign director, have attempted to confront the "wasted vote" argument head-on, and Mr Ashdown has tried to give his party a harder-edged programme. He hopes people will vote for and against them according to conviction, not as an escape from other par-ties. He has derided Labour as a conservative party with no radical ideas. His pitch is for power and not for holding

The Liberal Democrats will be looking to hold on to gains

Top 20 Tory targets for Litteral Democrate

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45	C: 236 L: 367 LD: 27 O: 26	C: 243 L: 363 LD: 18 C: 26	C: 249 L: 361 LD: 14 C: 26		C: 280 L: 354 LD: 10 C: 28	C: 272 L: 345 LD: 7 O: 26	C: 280 L: 339 LD: 6 O: 26	C: 285 L: 335 LD: 4 C: 26	C: 289 L: 334 LD; 1 O: 25	C: 294 L: 329 L:D: 1 C: 25		C. 203 L. 221 L. 25 C. 25	0.25 (1334 (1334)	G: 81 1130 1101 0: 24
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hard down the necks of some Lord James Douglas-Ham-lton, the junior Scottish minister, holds Edinburgh West by no more than 1,234. Most vulnerable of all is David Martin, the Tory MP for Portsmouth South, whose future hangs on a thread of

score well at Cheltenham.

where Tories engaged in an ugly split over the selection of John Taylor, the black candi-

date who takes over a major-ity of less than 5,000 from Sir

Charles Irving and where

they have regularly come close in the past. They can

claim strong roots in the "Celtic fringe" — areas of Scotland, Wales and the West

Country. But now their ap-peal may be widening to bet-

ter-off tracts, especially in the

south, where Conservative

supporters have been alienat-

ed by mortgage rate increases and frightened by unemploy-

ment. They are breathing

The Liberal Democrats have their danger spots. They will be anxious to see how big a personal vote the departing personality Sir Cyrll Smith had in Rochdale, where he is succeeded as candidate by the actress Liz Lynne. At Brecon and Radnor, Richard Livsey has a majority of only 56 votes in a close three-party contest last time, and nine of his colleagues have majorities below 5,000.

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HOW THE MORI SHARE TRANSLATES INTO SEATS

How the parties fare: the table shows the share-out of seats on a uniform swing, depending on Tory percentage vote, top, and Labour, left. "Others" are always 3 per cent of seats, and Lib Dems the rest

Casting about for votes

BY ROBERT MORGAN

TORY hopes of picking up thousands of votes from Brit-ons living abroad appear to have been dashed. Only a few thousand of the two and half million expatriates entitled to

vote have registered.
In 1989 the law was changed, extending the right to vote to expatriates who had lived overseas for up to 20 years. Previously it was five years. Conservative Central Office mounted a publicity campaign, but it failed to produce an upsurge in registrations. Many of the party's 48 overseas branches ran local advertising campaigns. According to the Office of

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Population, Censuses and Surveys, only 34,454 names appeared on last year's overseas register. Labour, meanwhile, is

hoping to persuade disabled and housebound voters to register for a postal or proxy vote. According to Jack Ashley, the chairman of the allparty disablement group, disabled people find it diffi-cult to get information about how to get on to the electoral

register. Labour has been pressing the Home Office to give greater publicity to postal and there is only ten days to register for a postal or prove vote. It is estimated that there are up to 6,000 housebound elec-

Party leaders woo women

By Sheila Gunn

WITH women making up more than half the electorate, the party leaders are competing fiercely for their votes.

John Major, Neil Kinnock
and Paddy Ashdown-all talk about choice and opportunities. When it comes to the key question of what social engineering should be carried out to change women's lives, they an mire

The Conservative party in the Thatcherite 1980s was hung up about two distinct types of Tory women in evidence at their annual conferences. There were those dominating the grassroots and constituency associations, the "nesters" who be lieved a woman's place was primarily in the home: and the "highflyers", under the banner of the former party vice-chairman for women, Emma Nicholson.

In the past few years that line became blurred as it was recognised that most women fall into both categories at different times in their lives. Independent taxation together with tax relief on savings of non-earners both brought benefits for many women Tory policy now makes

some concessions to both camps. After wobbling about child benefit in the mid-1950s, the party is committed to continuing to pay it to all mothers, with annual uprating in line with inflation. Extra money is promised for poor families through prove voning arrangements. ised for poor families through Once an election is called. I increased family credit. Tax relief on workplace nurseries was a token move towards working mothers, but many are rejuctant to travel to work with their offspring, and



Richardson: wants improved maternity rights

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there are still those in the party who are loathe to give financial inducements to mothers with very young children to go to work.

With an all-male cabinet, only 17 women MPs and only six women candidates selected for Tory-held seats. Mr Major is sensitive to the charge of neglecting women within government. Labour and the Liberal Democrats openly support some degree of positive discrimination. The Conservatives appear to be converted to such devices.

albeit more discreetly. Labour has gone through less soul-searching. Jo Richardson, the shadow minister for women, recognises that many mothers choose to work part-time and would benefit

from the same employment rights as full-time workers. For those working full-time, she wants maternity rights in line with many other European countries.

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In the party's Woman Today magazine, Ms Richardson wrote: "Better childcare, time off for parents, first-rate training, fair pay and more flexible working hours — they're all essential to help women and men combine caring for a family with earn-ing a living." Neil Kinnock is committed to offering nursery school places to every three- and four-year-old by the year 2000.

The Liberal Democrats promise similar support and, in addition, are committed to electoral reform. They believe that a PR voting system would bring far more women into politics and public life.

Students favour Labour

BY JOHN WINDER

MORI polls taken in the past four years show that if the decision were left to them alone, voters in the 18 to 24 age group would have given Labour a majority over the since the end of 1987.

At the 1987 election, the age group showed a water-thin vote for Labour of 39 per cent, as against 37 per cent

In the last quarter of 1991, Labour support stood at 47 per cent, while the Conservatives had 36 per cent, at the expense of the Liberal Democrats, who reached a high of 12 per cent backing among

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these young voters in the third quarter of the year, but fell back to 10 per cent by the

end of the year.

John Major's decision to go
to the country on April 9 will dissipate a significant propor-tion of the student vote, since many will be away enjoying Easter vacations. Several of the larger seats of learning are in marginal constituencies and the absence of a number of student voters could have a critical effect.

There must be a footnote to any consideration of youthful voting: that young people are much less likely to go to the polls than their elders. The voting record of the 18-24 year olds is usually under 50 per cent, while more than 80 per cent of pensioners put their crosses on ballot papers.

Muslims split over Westminster role

Conservative majority

By Peter Mulligan.

ONE of the most intriguing of the election dramas will be played out in the Muslim community, where a clear split lingers after the Salman Rushdie affair.

to see Muslim MPs at Westminister is flatly countered by Dr Kalim Siddiqui, director of the Muslim Institute, who calls such efforts "an utter waste of time". He insists that the influence of even half a dozen would be swamped by a parliamentary system con-trolled by the rigours of the whip and ruthless adherence

to party line. Dr Siddiqui has set up a "Muslim parliament" which he predicts will "carry enormous weight" in the community. He believes Muslims will largely withhold their votes at the general election because of the bitterness left by the row over The Satanic Verses.

If he is right (and mainstream politicians take issue with him), the impact could affect marginal seats in the North of England held by Labour, which traditionally takes most ethnic votes, black as well as Asian.

Key constituencies where the Muslim population ex-ceeds the majority of the sitting MPs are at Bradford South which Bob Cryer holds by 309, and Dewsbury where Ann Taylor, a member of the shadow cabinet, has a lead of 445. Max Madden, at Bradford West, is safer with a margin of more than 7,000. At Bradford North, Terry Rooney enjoys a 9,514 major-

ity after a by-election following the death of his predecessor, who led by less than 2,000. Observers will be watching to see whether the Labour believes it can win

votes as a result of the collapse of the Bank of Credit and Commerce International, which hit Asian businessmen particularly hard and caused resentment against the au-

The party could draw comfort from opinion poll data from Mori covering January to December last year show-ing the resilience of its grip on the ethnic vote with 63 per cent of Asians and 68 per cent of blacks intending to support Neil Kinnock. The figures supporting the Tories are 29 per cent of Asians and 20 per cent of blacks. The Liberal Democrats appear to have a slim appeal to the ethnic population — 6 per cent of Asians and 10 per cent of blacks.

Ner Deva, who hopes to be the first Asian Tory MP at Brentford and Isleworth where Sir Barney Hayhoe re-tires leaving a majority of 7.953, is sceptical of Mr Siddiqui's assertions. However. he supports the creation of the "Muslim parliament".

Rejecting any notion that votes will be withheld at the general election, he said that British Asians should play an active role in the political and social institutions of the

Tories break with long Ulster tradition

BY RICHARD FORD

The myth of the floating C2 voter

By Ivor Crewe

ASK a politician, journalist or pollster which social group holds the key to the next election and the almost invariable reply is "the C2s" market research jargon for skilled manual workers, foremen and supervisors. The C2s have entered psephological folklore as the "swing group in the key marginals". Capture the hearts and minds of the skilled manual worker, the party strategists are told, and Downing Street is yours. But, like most folklore, it's a myth - or rather three myths rolled into one. Myth number one is that the C2s are more volatile than other social classes. A persuasive argument underpins this fallacy. C2 voters tend to straddle class boundaries. They are typically both trade unionists and owner occupiers, working class but fairly secure and affluent. C2 men are often married to women

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ation, it is assumed, turns The argument is plausible, but the evidence is non-existent. In 1987, according to Mori, the C2s swung by 2 per cent to Labour, so did the country as a whole. In 1983 the C2s swung by 4 per cent to the Conservatives; so did

It is true that in 1979 the pro-Conservative swing among C2s was a massive 11.5 per cent — double the national swing — and here lies the origin of the myth. But 1979 turns out to be the only election since 1966 (when measures were first possible) where C2s were more volatile than other voters. In the other six elections their volatility was below the national average on two occasions and the same on four. Nor is there a scrap of evidence to suggest that C2s contain more "don't knows" than other voters or waver more during the campaign. Myth number two is that

C2s are concentrated in marginel seats. Behind this falla-cy lies the false reasoning that marginal seats have a mixed chass composition and C2 voters fall into the middle of the Class spectrum; therefore marginal seats must contain lots of C2 voters.

The facts speak otherwise Constituencies with above average proportions of skilled safe Labour seats. At the top of the C2 league is Dennis Skinner's Bolsover (Labour majority 27.9 per cent) and in second place is the Scargill fieldom of Barnsley East (Labour majority 60.5 per cent). Only two of the 25 seats with the largest proportion of C2 voters are Conservative marginals: Sherwood and Wolverhampton North East. There are more Tory marginals among the 25 seats with the lowest proportion of C2s: Hampstead & Highgate. Richmond & Barnes and Westminster North.

Myth number three is that C2s always side with the winning party. Not so. Up to October 1974, C2 voters preferred Labour to the Conser-vatives by a wide margin trespective of the election result. When Edward Heath led the Tories to victory in 1970. C2 voters split 55 per cent Labour, 35 per cent Con-servative. In February 1974, when the Conservatives were ahead in the popular vote (but not sears) C2 voters split 47 per cent Labour, 30 per cent Conservative. Even in 1979, when so many C2s were successfully wooed by Mrs Thatcher, they marginally preferred Labour (42 per cent) to the Conservatives (40

SNP hopes for independence election

BY JOHN WINDER

support for self-government for Scotland has moved nationalism into the front line for the election and threatens to upset traditional voting patterns north of the border. Survey results boosted the hopes of the Scottish Nat-

ional Party, and some commentators believe that they could restore their Westminster representation to the double figures the party enjoyed in the 1970s. The nationalist card began to assume dramatic

importance in early February when an ICM/Scotsman survey indicated that half the people of Scotland would welcome independence. All three United Kingdom

parties are under threat if indications of support for self-government are converted into votes for the SNP.

A PRE-ELECTION surge in Just as interesting is the effect of an increased SNP vote on parties that were runners up in 1987. The Conservatives, as the

only party sticking firmly by the union and not offering either independence, like the SNP, or a devolved Scottish parliament, like Labour and the Liberal Democrats, are hoping the debate will polarise and squeeze the Labour and Liberal Democras vote. so saving some threatened Tory seats.

Until Christmas, it seemed that the SNP would be fighting simply to keep three seats it won at the last election from the Conservatives and striving to regain Dundee East and Western Isles from Labour. But the nationalists detected a strong upswell of support for their cause during the summer of 1991 and



Sillars: aiming to build on his famous victory were heartened by local council election successes and a big turnover of votes in August 1991 at a by-election

in Monklands. The SNP, seeking a mandate for an independent Scotland, regards the forthcoming contest as "the independence election". The position is complicat ed by the fact that in 1987. SNP lost both the seats it had held in the 1983 election, but gained three new ones. Since then, it has won Glaspow Govan in a by-election, a seat it held for a short while in the mid-1970s also after a by-election.

Margo MacDonald, who

won the seat at a by-election in 1973 and lost it at the subsequent general election, is married to James Sillars, who won Govan for the SNP in November 1988. He will be hoping to build on his famous win, but Labour may expect to have regained some of the ground lost when Bruce Millan triggered the by-election by resigning on his appointment as a European commissioner.

IN A province where an ancient quarrel has fuelled 70

years of tribal politics, the general election heralds a break with tradition. For the first time since partition in 1921. Conservative candidates will stand in Northern Ireland, and British ministers could be on the hustings to support them.

Their intervention provides the only spice to an election where the main interest will be watching for shifts in support between rival brands of unionism and nationalism. The Tories' best chance of taking a seat is in North Down, where a tussle for the unionist vote could give victory to any of three candidates.

The leading Tory figure in the province is at odds with government policy, and will campaign against efforts to

the creation of a devolved administration. Laurence Kennedy, the party's candidate in North Down, said he believed the government was not interested in winning seats in the province and that Mr Brooke's policy was designed to boost the Tories' opponents in North-

Overshadowing the election is the constitutional issue which has dominated the north's politics since the foundation of the state and. in the form of the Anglo-Irish agreement, will provide a focus for the came paigns of both main unionist parties. They will not repeat the 1987 panunionist pact in which the Ulster Unionists and Democratic Unionists did not op-

pose each other's sitting



Molyneaux: likely to be last election as leader

MPs. In two crucial seats, however, deals are expected. in the west of the province. Ken Maginnis, UUP MP for Fermanagh South Tyrone, and William McCrea, DUP MP for Mid

challenged by rivals as a split unionist vote could result in the seats being lost to nationalists. Elsewhere, younger members of Ian Paisley's DUP will challenge sitting Ulster Unionist MPs. Though they have little prospect of winning, the DUP's aim is to reverse the decline in its share of the vote. While Mr Paisley is a

Ulster, are unlikely to be

strong supporter of devolu-tion, the Ulster Unionist leader, James Molyneaux, is, at best, lukewarm and more inclined to take an integrationist line. Fighting what is expected to be his last general election as leadст, Mr Molyneaux is unlikely to see his party lose any of its nine seats, but it is not thought it can regain Enoch Powell's seat in South Down which was lost in 1987.

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Biggest shift since 1945 needed to put Kinnock in No 10

Labour looks for record swing

TO CUT through the psephological complexities of the election all one has to do is remember the 4-6-8 rule.

These are the size of the Conservative-to-Labour swings needed to produce each of three key outcomes: ☐ A 4 per cent swing would deprive the Conservatives of their overall majority.

☐ A 6 per cent swing would make Labour the single biggest party in the Commons.

An 8 per cent swing would give Labour a bare overall majority.

The coming contest will elect 651 MPs (one more than last time because the over-sized Milton Keynes seat has been split into two). For an overall majority, Labour needs 326 seats — 97 gains to add to its 1987 total of 229. Ignoring by-election gains since then, this requires a uniform national swing

(UNS) of exactly 8.0 per cent. The likelihood of by-elec-tion defeats and backbench defections means that Labour would probably need an overall majority of about 15 to govern for a full parliament. That would require a UNS of ament 8.3 per cent, or even more if the Liberal Democrat vote

In one sense the 4-6-8 for mula is misleading because,

No. 12 1 Swings of the magnitude feferming (of 1945, a remarkable 13.9 per cent. But there were spe-cial factors: Labour had been part of the wartime coalition. no election had been held for ten years, and the upheaval of

Labour probably needs a majority of about 15 to govern for a full parliament, Ivor Crewe writes. The party has not achieved such a turnaround since the end of the second world war

est swing to Labour at any election was 3.1 per cent (in 1964) and to the Conservatives 5.3 per cent (in 1979). Even to reach first base and push John Major into a minority government, the swing

to Labour needs to exceed

that of any election since Calculations based on the national swing always assume that it is uniform across the country. In reality it has become less and less so in recent elections. Four factors produce constituency variations in the swing:

☐ The incumbency effect: Newly elected MPs tend to build up a personal vote by the following election, especially if they are defending a marginal seat and have a strong incentive to cultivate their constituency. This can be worth up to 1,500 yetes where the MP has replaced a long-standing MP of another

% of turnout MPs Swing from C to Lab 5,8%.

Swing from C to Lab 1.7%

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war disrupted normal voting party whose seat became ginally held Liberal Demopatterns. Since 1945 the larg- marginal through population

Most of those newly elected. in marginal seats in 1987 were Labour MPs who should enjoy above average swings in their favour if, as expected, the national tide flows to their party. But incumbency effects might buck the odds and save some of the five Conservative gains from Labour in 1987 (Battersea, Ipswich, Thurrock, Walthamstow and Wolverhampton NE) and, more probably, the four Conservative gains from the Alliance (Cambridgeshire NE, Colne Valley

ment swing is fairly moderate. The incumbency factor should also help Liberal Democrats to hold most of their seats, even if their vote falls well below that of 1987. This could deprive the Conservatives of up to five mar-

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especially if the anti-govern-

crat seats (Argyll and Bute, Brecon and Radnor, Fife NE, Southport and Truro) which would fall to them on a strict application of the UNS.

Geographical factors: Geographical variations in the swing are normal but their impact on the two-party balance depends on precisely where the swing deviates from the national average and in what direction. What-ever its constitutional ramifications, a heavy swing to Labour in Scotland will have little impact on seats because only five of Labour's 100 target seats are north of the border. They are disproportionately concentrated in Greater London (24 seats)

and the Northwest (21). Since 1979 Labour has performed better than average in the Northwest and worse than average in London. A repeat of that pattern this time would produce unexpected gains for Labour

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in the Northwest but unexpected failures in London: the net impact on the two big parties would be negligible. If depopulation in the Northwest and the recession in London produced an above average swing to Labour in both regions, Labour could reach each of the three winning posts with less than

A third crucial region is the West Midlands, which contains a concentration of seats among the 100th to 115th of Labour's target seats. An above-average swing in the West Midlands could compensate for a below-average swing in London or make the difference between a bare and

☐ Tactical voting: In theory tactical voting could under-mine projections based on the UNS assumption. For example, despite a drop in the party's national vote, well-placed Liberal Democrats could threaten a number of Conservative seats if they persuaded Labour supporters to cast a tactical vote for them.

In practice, tactical voting - strictly speaking the in-crease in tactical voting - has been too limited and patchy in the past to affect more than a handful of sears.

Conservative seats are only likely to fall to tactical voting if there is anyway a sizeable national swing against the government. Even then the Conservatives could hold on to the Liberal Democrats' best prospects if, as polls indicate, former Alliance supporters in these seats switch back to Labour.

☐ Local party splits and independents: These can produce surprise results in individual seats but are too few in num-

By far the best predictor of the eventual result is the national swing, even if local variations produce some individual surprises.

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Marginals likely to rewrite political map

come of the election. The title of most marginal

constituency in Britain is shared by Labour held Mansfield and the Welsh seat of Brecon and Radnor, in the hands of the Liberal Democrats, each with majorities for the sitting MPs of a whiskerthin 56. However, the odds
look better for both men relook better for both men returning to Westminster than for many of their colleagues.

Alan Meale squeezed into Alan Meale squeezed into all but demolished Labour's majority in the Nottingham-shire seat of Mansfield. However a swing away from the Tories in the Midlands and

north could be in his favour. Richard Livesey, the tail, quiet-spoken farmer who won the sprawling mid-Wales seat of Brecon and Radnor from the Tories in a by-election in 1985, has amassed a formidable personal following during the past six years. He faces a three-cornered fight as His main challenger is Conservative, but Labour came a close third in 1987.

The Tories have the highest number of seats where the majority is 10 per cent or less. Those seats most at risk are: York (Conal Gregory) major-ity 147 over Labour, Ayr (formerly Sir George Younger) majority 182 over Labour: Portsmouth South (David Martin) majority 205 over SDP/All; Wolverhampton SDP/All: Wolvernampton
North East (Maureen Hicks) majority 204 over Labour; Dulwich (Gerald Bowden) majority 180 over Labour. and Thurrock (Tim Janman)

majority over Labour 690. Lynda Chalker, the overseas development minister, is defending a 279 majority in Wallasey, deep into Mersey-side. Her only salvation could be the dispute over the official Labour candidate and a boost in the Liberal Democrat vote from disenchanted Labour supporters.

Among the seats attracting the spotlight during the election campaign are Hamp-stead & Highgate, where the actress Glenda Jackson represents Labour's hope of overturning the Tory majority of 2,221. The Tory candidate is Oliver Letwin, a former member of the Downing Street policy unit in place of Sir

Geoffrey Finsberg. Sebastian Coe's attempt to hold Falmouth and Cam-borne, where the Tory majority in 1987 was 5,039, will test Conservative support in the West Country. His main threat is from the Liberal

Ver and A SMALL fraction of the voters in about 160 seats will largely determine the out-MARGINALS 47.4 40 14 15 15 GREATER LONDON 33 89 81 101 34 32 90 101 37 35 100 105 102 38 39 103 36 108 | 9107 104 680 87 e 114 116, 115 SO Walthammov 50 Strningham Sally Oak 94 Kennington 95 Fulham 96 Brentford and 32 Stockport Isleworth 97 Hayes and Flarlington 98 Feitham 99 Putney 100 Battersea 101 Erith and 67 Great Yarmouth 35 Chester
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> 29 Bolton West 30 Davyhulme 31 Warrington South Democrats. John Taylor's attempt to become the Tories'. first black MP, and the unseemly dispute over his selection, guarantees a high profile during the campaign for Cheltenham where Sir Charles Morrison's majority over the Liberal/Alliance in 1987 was 4,896.

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Seats which changed hands in the last parliament's 24 by-elections may switch. back to former allegiances at the general election. The Liberal Democrats' victor of Eastbourne, David Bellotti, will have a tough fight to stop the Conservatives regaining the genteel seaside town.

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tenth safest Tory seat of Ribble Valley with a swing to the Liberal Democrats of 24.7 per cent, faces a similar struggle. Although the Liberals have a respectable record for holding on to seats won in by-elections, the omens for both men look gloomy.

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Mike Carr, who snatched the

119 Plymouth Drake

al seats will be those won by the Social Democrats in 1987. With an SDP candiplace in Plymouth Devonport, it appears to be an open four-house race between SDP, Liberal Democrat, Labour and Conservative. Rosie Barnes is vulnerable to a Labour challenge from Nick Raynsford in Greenwich and John Cartwright must see off Labour to hold Woolwich. In Labour marginals the

picture might be slightly brighter with fewer sitting MPs holding on to majorities of less than 10 per cent. Apart from Mansfield, a swing of less than 5 per cent would oust the sitting Labour MPs in Bradford South (Bob Cryer), Norwich South (John Garrett), Dewsbury (Ann Taylor) and Glanford & Taylor) and Grandon Scienthorpe (Elliott Morley).

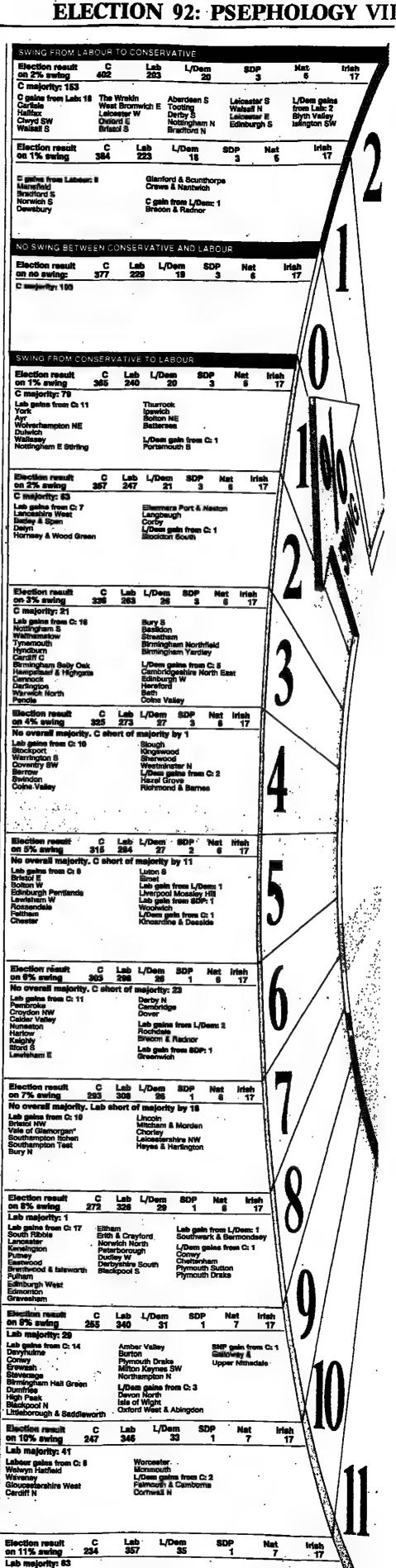
London's patchwork of pieces of blue, red and or-ange, with Labour dominat-ing the inner-city and the Tories reigning in the outer boroughs, could undergo a score of changes. Seats where either had a lead of less than 5 per cent at the last general lection are Dulwich (Gerald Bowden, C), Battersea (John Bowis, C), Hornsey & Wood Green (Sir Hugh Rossi, C), Richmond & Barnes (Jeremy Hanley, C) Walthamstow (Hugh Summerson, C). Hampstead & Highgate (Sir Geoffrey Finsberg, C), Isling-ton South & Finsbury (Tom Smith, Lab), Tooting (James Cox. Lab) and Brent East (Ken Livingstone, Lab).

Apart from London, three

of the most politically divided cities are Nottingham, Leicester and Bristol. Michael Knowles held Nottingham East for the Tories at the last election with a majority of 456 and Martin Brandon-Bravo saw off the Labour challenge in Nottingham South by only 2,234 votes. However Labour's Graham Allen won the city's northern constituency from the Tories bý 1,665.

Labour won two seats from the Tories in Leicester last time out to give them control of the city's three seats. In Bristol, the Tories hold three of the four constituencies. An early analysis of the

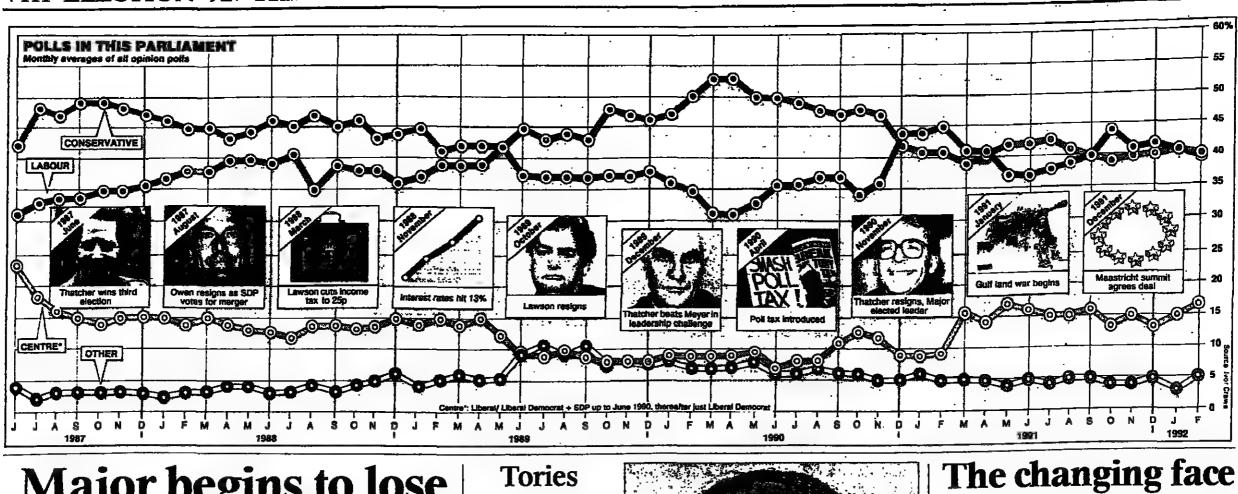
marginal seats most at risk indicates that the Tories could be upset by Labour in some northern and more urban seats and by Labour or Liberal Democrats in areas hardest hit by the recession. In turn, the Liberal Democrats face threats from a Labour or nationalist surge and Labour needs to hold innercity areas reshaped by increased home ownership and gentrification.



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Major begins to lose his 'teflon' image

KEY indicators in the opin-ion polls underline the Conservative party's vulnerability at this election. It is entering the campaign with ratings that have steadily deteriorated since the autumn and are markedly poorer than before the 1987 election.

The most worrying figure for the Conservatives is the mere 25 per cent of voters who say they are "satisfied with the way the government s running the country". This is the lowest proportion since just before Mrs Thatcher resigned in November 1990 and has been gradually drifting down since the autumn party conferences. At the same stage before the last election, satisfaction with the government was, at 40 per cent, much higher.

Declining satisfaction with the government reflects growing gloom about the economy as the recession lingers on. In September 1991 opumis's outnumbered pessimists by 40 to 27 per cent; by February pessimists just outnum-bered optimists, by 32 to 30 per cent. The figures compare ominously with the 35 to 21 ratio of optimists to pessi-mists in April 1987, shortly before the last election.

Recent academic resear has identified voters' asse

Satisfaction

ment of their personal financial prospects as a key predictor of support for the party in government. Here the figures look slightly more promising for the Conserva-tives. Half the voters do not expect the financial situation of their household to change over the next year; the other half are fractionally more likely to see improvement (25) per cent) than deterioration (22 per cent). But, again, voters are less cheerful than before the last election, when optimists outnumbered pessi-

mists by 30 to 18 per cent. Given the widespread dissatisfaction with the govern-ment's record and continuing doubts about economic prospects, it may seem surprising that the Conservatives are lev-el pegging with Labour in the polls. One reason is that voters still trust the Conservatives under Mr Major more than Labour under Mr Kin-nock to deal with the reces-- almost certainly the central issue in the election. None the less, the Conserva-tives' lead on this issue has gradually narrowed, from 18 per cent last September to 12 per cent last month. When the identical question (with

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suffer in by-election swings 1964 election the Conserva-tives under Sir Alec Douglas-

above all, the health service

(-29). The impact of the issues

overall is likely to be neutral.

The Conservatives' advan-

tage on the economy will be undermined by Labour's strength on the next most

important issues: unemploy-

ment, health and poli tax.
The other factor buoying

up Conservative support is

John Major's popularity.

Asked to say who would make the best prime minister, 41

per cent answered John Ma-

jor, 25 per cent Neil Kinnock

and 21 per cent Paddy Ashdown. Mr Major's sup-

port is similar to Mrs Thatch-

er's before the 1987 election

when she was at the height of

her popularity after her trip to

foolish to pin too many hopes

on these figures. For one thing, voters normally tell the

pollsters that whoever is the

ncumbent would make the

best prime minister; for

another, the gap between Mr

Major and Mr Kinnock has

from 47-24 in September to 1-25 in February

ratings for each party leader

also carry a warning for the

Conservatives. John Major outscores Neil Kinnock, but

become fairly modest, and is

smaller than Mrs Thatcher's

advantage over Mr Kinnock

minister, immune to blame.

In September his satisfaction

rating was +25; by February it was down to +4. Over the same period Mr Kinnock's satisfaction rating has remained negative, but steady

(and not as negative as in 1987) while Mr Ashdown's

stock has risen sharply since the new year and is now

higher than that of either the

Conservative or Labour

turns "presidential", and un-

committed voters decide on the basis of the party leaders.

the Liberal Democrats could

If the election campaign

Mr Major's honeymoon has been waning and he is no longer the "teflon" prime

in 1987.

The individual satisfaction

Conservatives would be

AFTER one of the many Home were also 12 per cent drubbings for Tory by-elecahead, but went on to lose the tion candidates in the 1987-92 parliament Kenneth The Conservatives are also Clarke, the education secre-tary, suggested that it had regarded as preferable to become virtually impossible Labour in a number of other for the government to hold a policy areas, notably defence (by 24 percentage points), Europe (+18) and taxation seat in a mid-term by-election. Certainly Labour will (+12). But they lag behind Labour on the issues of educaenter this election in good heart, having achieved its best series of by-election pertion (-6), the poll tax (-13), unemployment (-16) and,

formances in many years. Before the current parliament Labour had gained only four seats from the Conservatives in by-elections since the early 1960s. In this parliament they gained Vale of Glamorgan, Mid Staffs, Monmouth and Langbaurgh. although they first suffered the setback of losing Glasgow Govan to the Scottish nation-

alists in November 1988. At the Vale of Glamorgan in April 1989 Labour secured a 12.4 per cent swing against the government. It was the first occasion since the formation of the SDP on which the protest vote appeared to move straight from Conservative to Labour with the then squabbling centre parties squeezed

out of sight.
The Labour victory at Mid Staffs in March 1990 saw a 24.8 per cent increase in the party's share of the vote, more than twice the increase it achieved at any by-election in the previous parliament. Never previously since the second world war had Labour achleved a swing of more than 20 Although Labour also cap-

tured Monmouth in May 1991, at the point when the Conservatives had expected to see their fortunes improve. the gap is narrowing, has it did so with the lowest swing in any Conservative-held seat since 1989. The increase in

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Bellotti: surprise Liberal Democrat victor of the by-election at Eastbourne in October 1990

Labour's share of the vote was less than half that at Mid Staffs after a controversial future of the NHS. By the Langbaurgh contest last November the approach of the general election appeared to be stabilising things: the Tory share of the vote dropped only 2.6 per cent.

The Liberal Democrats too had some spectacular sucof more than 20 per cent to capture Eastbourne in October 1990, and Ribble Valley in March 1991, after John Major had succeeded Mrs Thatcher. There was then a further success at Kincardine and Decside in November.

BY-ELECTIONS FROM 1987 - CHANGE IN SHARE OF THE NOTE

By capturing that seat from the Conservatives Paddy Ashdown's party became the second largest Scottish contingent at Westminster, with ten MPs to the remaining Tory nine.

Overall the Conservatives lost seven of the ten seats which they defended in byelections. Their share of the vote declined in every contest from the 1 per cent in the two vote was already at a nearirreducible minimum, to the massive 24 per cent in Richmond. Yorks, where the SDP came close to capturing the seat with a good local candi-date in a brief flicker before its flame went out.

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to go, but sleeps on it. November 22: A tearful government July 22: Major unveils his prime minister tells the cabinet at 9am that she is resigning. By the afternoon she has recovered to make bravura speech in Commons no-confidence debau. November 27: John Major, aged 47, becomes Tory leadahead in polls. er, defeating Heseltine and Douglas Hurd.

November 28: Heseltine re-turns to cabinet as environment secretary to oversee poll tax reform. Patten becomes party chairman.

Heseltine he can consider scrapping poll tax. December 16: Economy plunging into deep recession. CBI warms.

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anuary 17: Gulf war starts.
February 6: Labour's soft left
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ine. Five Labour front-
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party slips back.
March 7: Liberal Democrats
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March 11: Major signals break with Thatcher EC line, saying in Bonn that Britain's place is "at the very heart of

March 21: Heseltine announces death of poll tax. April 18: Cabinet agrees on a new property tax, the "council tax", to replace the poll tax. May 3: Tories suffer heavy

she has no regrets over introducing community charge. Poli shows Labour 8 per cent

June 17: Mr Thatcher and

June 28: With Major in Lux-

tant-backed candidate at Liverpool Walton by-election.

of British politics

December 4: Major tells

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capture tenth safest Tory seat with by-election triumph at Ribble Valley. Result strengthens Heseltine's hand to get rid of poll tax with new

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osses in local elections. Liberal Democrats make

May 16: Labour victory at Monmouth finally kills talk of June élection. Government under pressure over health service reforms. June 6: Mrs Thatcher says

Jame 11: Bruges group at-tacks Major over Europe. Labour lead widens to 10 per

Edward Heath clash over Europe. He says she's telling

embourg at European summit. Mrs Thatcher announces she is bowing out as an MP. She wants to speak more loudly against a single cur-rency. Her decision will show she is not a threat to Major. she says.
July 4: Labour deleats MiliBank of Credit and Com-merce International enguls

citizen's charter. It includes guaranteed waiting times for operations, fixed appointments for the gas-man, and refunds for rail travellers if the trains are late. Labour enter recess well

August 18: President Gorbachev is toppled in coup. Ma-

jor swiftly condemns his ousting. By August 21 Gorbachev is reinstated. August 27: Major flies to see President Bush about the Soviet upheavals. His performance there, and immediately afterwards in Moscow and "

Peking, boost his personal

standing. September 1: David Owen announces he is leaving Parliament. Tories leap from five points behind Labour to two points ahead in Mori poll. September 4: Interest rate cut boosts talk of November

September 30: Labour con ference is electrified by the news that ministers have formally ruled out a November general election. Labour ends successful week two points ahead.

November 17: A Commons debate before the crucial EC summit on monetary union is hijacked by Mrs Thatcher, who calls for a referendum and warns against "the conveyor belt to federalism". Cabinet decides she cannot be placated and rejects

December II: Major hails success at the Maastricht summit as leaders agree treaty with opt-out for Britain on single currency, and decide to the "social chapter". The deal holds the Conservative party together.

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January 15: With the election campaign effectively under way Labour's taxation plans are covered in confusion as it emerges that the national insurance changes may be phased. January 22: Norman Lamont

sets Budget day for March The parties, neck-and-neck in the polls, step up preparations for April 9. February 5: Paddy Ashdown admits brief affair five years ago, with his former secretary after theft of document containing details from his solicitor. Early polls suggest his own popularity has been en-hanced and his party has not March 10: Lamont Budget is springboard for election.

How the government put Conservative policies on to the statute books

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DESPITE a commitment to less poernment from the Conservatives, each year saw dozens of acts added to the statute book. The Parliament just ended has been no exception, with bills covering subjects as diverse as prosecuting war enminals to controls on the digging up of roads.

Attempts by private members to bring back capital punishment failed, as did attempts to reduce the time limit for abortions. Local government found its power increasingly curtailed, not only through rate capping, charge capping and eventually the threat of council tax capping, but by placing on councils the duty to put more services out to tender and by giving schools the opportunity to opt out of local authority control

The following is a digest of some of the more controversial acts passed during the last Parliament.

1987-88 British Steel, provided for privatisation of steel industry. Channel tunnel: provided for The ill-fated community charge headed the long list of legislation passed during a busy Parliament, Robert Morgan writes

building the tunnel, but excluded the provision of money for the high-speed link from London to Foikestone Criminal Justice: allowed the At-

torney-general to appeal against lement sentences. Education Reform: Set out the criteria for the national curriculum and gave governors a greater

say in running schools. Employment: Ended closed shop. Housing Allowed council tenants to vote fer a new landlord; increased the role of housing associations.

Local Government, banned the promotion of homosexuality by local authorities. Local Government Finance: Abolished domestic rates and introduced a flat-rate community

Social Security: Removed the right to income support for many 16- to 18-year-olds.

1988-89: Children: Clarified local authority reposponsibilities for the provision of services to children. introduced greater fairness in court procedures and improved the right of access for parents of

children in care. Dock Work: Ended the National Dock Labour Board which gave dockers rights of employment. Electricity. Privatised the electricity industry

Employment: Removed sex dis-

crimination in employment and removed restrictions on the employment of young people Football Spectators: Provided for the establishment of a national membership scheme and the Foot-

ball Membership Authority. The provision requiring photo-identity passes was dropped. Local Government and Housing:

Restricted the political activities of local authority employees. Official Secrets: Replaced Section II of the 1911 act and defined the area of official information to be

protected by the criminal law.

Prevention of Terrorism. Sought

to curb financial support for Security Service: Put the security services on a statutory basis and defined their functions.

Water: Privatised the water industry and established the National Rivers Authority.

1989-90 British Nationality (Hong Kong): Allowed a limited number of Hong Kong residents to acquire British nationality. Broadcasting: Recast the way in which commercial television franchises are granted and established the Independent Television Commission (ITC) to replace the IBA.

Coal Industry: Wrote off debts of British Coal.

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Court and Legal Services: Reformed the way courts work, in-cluding giving solicitors greater access to higher courts. Education (Student Loans): Allowed students to obtain loans

Environment Protection: Put in place measures to control pollution. Food Safety: Tightened the regulations covering food shops and restaurants and allowed the sale of

at preferential interest rates.

irradiated food. Human Fertilisation and Embryology: Regulated experimentation involving human embryos and amended the law on

abortions National Health Service and Community Care: Allowed NHS hospitals and other units to become self-governing trusts; provided for care in the community for the elderly and mentally sick who had previously been in hospitals and other institutions.

1990-91: Child Support: Required absentee parents to pay towards the maintenance of their children. School Teachers' Pay and Conditions: Set up a pay review body for teachers.

Local Government Finance and Valuation: Paved the way for the council tax to replace the community charge. Ports: Privatised the trust ports. Criminal Justice: Recast sentenc-

ing policy and altered parole ar-Dangerous Dogs: Banned the owning and breeding of certain

fighting dogs. Community Charges (General Reduction): Provided for cuts of £140 in most poll tax bills.

Road Traffic: Reformulated major driving offences, revised penalties, particularly for drinking and driving and for dangerous driving, and created new offences.

New Roads and Street Works: Allowed the building of privately financed toll roads. Planning and Compensation:

sory acquisition of land for major works and improved the payment of compensation. War Crimes: Allowed for prosecu-

tion of alleged Nazi war criminals now resident in Britain. 1991-92: Local Government Fi-

nance: Replaced the community charge with the council tax. Local Government: Extended . competitive tendering and established a commission to review the structure of local government. Aggravated Vehicle-Taking: In-

creased penalties for "joyriding". Education (Schools): Enacted the parents' charter by giving greater powers to parents and provided for the publication of performance Further and Higher Education: 1 Took higher education institu-

tions out of local authority control and allowed polytechnics to call ; themselves universities. Prison Security: Introduced a new offence of prison mutiny.

'The Budget's only purpose was to seek to rescue the Conservative party from imminent election defeat'

Smith attacks a Tory 'missed opportunity'

By Our Parliamentary Staff

opportunity which did nothing for investment, for jobs, ment had borrowed with a for training and skills, for construction or for recovery from the recession, John Smith, Labour shadow chancellor, said yesterday.

Opening the second day of debate on the Budget, he condemned Norman Lamont's failure to restore the "tragic" cuts from the the tragic cuts from the training budget; his failure to realise the seriousness of rising unemployment; and his failure to act to release local authority capital receipts from house sales so as to increase house building.

The main omission from

the Budget speech had been of a word of apology from Mr of a word of apology from Mr.
Lamont and the government for causing the longest recession since the war, apology to the million people who had lost their jobs; the 47,800 businesses which had failed best year. There had been no last year. There had been no hint of contrition for the 70,500 families whose homes year. had been repossessed last

we necucu a povery, for investment and recovery, for "We needed a budget for investment and employment. industry and company in instead we got a budget whose only purpose was to seek to rescue the Conservaseek to rescue up. tive party from its imminent The Chancellor had election defeat."

described last year, in which the economy had shrunk by 2. Native 16 2.5 per cent in the worst calendar year since the 1930s, as a year of achievement. It was in fact a year of business failures; of house repossessions; of homelessness and of economic decline. "If that was a year of September 1 lead of would the Chancellor describe as a year of failure?"

> year of business failures; house repossessions; and homelessness 9 - JOHN SMITH .

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The hallmark of Majorism was to promise that good times were just around the "Unfortunately we never

seem to turn the corner. The economy is in much worse condition than was predicted in the autumn statement. Clearly we are heading for another year of what Conservatives choose to call achievement Unemployment is likely to go on rising for some time. When Mr Lamont arrived

to listen to the debate, 10 minutes after he had begun to speak, Mr Smith was cheered by Labour MPs when he offered to begin again, but Conservative MPs shouted "No" and Mr Smith retorted that he understood why they did not want a double Mr Lamont intervened to

ask why, if Mr Smith thought

it wrong to borrow for tax - They would uprate child cuts, the last Labour govern benefit to £9.95 for every high PSBR. Mr Smith: "We did not borrow on the eve of an election."
He asked a question in

November that the govern-ment would pay for borrowing by borrowing.
Mr Lamont's attitude had

been that things were bad because of habits caught from "nasty foreigners", that it was something caught from abroad about which nothing could be done. But while the United States economy had

say that it was wrong now to cut taxes for people with low pay. Mr Smith said that it was wrong in Britain's present economic situation to borrow for tax cuts for anyone, but when the country could afford tax reform of that kind, one ought to pro-The only purpose of the

Budget was to seek to rescue the Conservative party from imminent election defeat, but it was increasingly being real-ised that the public would not be fooled by the Budget.

"The Conservative party is engaged on a three-card trick promising to maintain levels of public expenditure, to cut basic income tax rate to 20p and promising to balance the Budger They cannot, in our present economic circumstances, do all three at once." Mr Lamont Intervened to

say that Mr Smith had forgotten Mr Kinnock urging Mrs Thatcher to borrow more. He should say whether the borrowing level was too high or about right. Mr Smith replied: "I will

accept the public sector borrowing requirement that exists after we win the election. I will have no choice because it will be there." Borrowing to pay for borrowing was not normal be-

haviour, but normal Conservative behaviour. Most people would see the reduction of income tax as a cynical pre-election device. It represented just under 19p a week, the price of a box of matches, which explained

why Mr Lamont wanted to "The money the Conservatives have borrowed for this week's cuts should be used for

investment in public services and the improvement of our The government's record of

economic growth of 1.7 per cent was the worst for any government of any political colour since the end of the second world war. "If the Conservative party truly cared for the interests of the lower paid, they would in-crease retirement pensions for all pensioners by £5 for a single person and £8 for a married couple.

child in the family, which is the level it would be at if the Conservatives had updated it in line with inflation. Perhaps this particular neglect is not surprising from a Cabinet turn: Whether Mr-Lamont -which does not have a single stood by his statement fast woman member.

The public finances were Fortugately for our country time has nin out for a party living on borrowed money and on borrowed time. The time Jar. choice is now. It's time for Labour!" David Mellor, Chief Secre-tary to the Treasury, said that

Japanese investment in Britdeclined by 0.5 per cent in ain had lisen from a deficit of 1991, the British conomy £10 million in 1978 to £1.2 had declined by 2.5 per cent billion in 1989, an increase When he was challenged to which he said, had come "in the teeth of nonsensical opposition from Labour. We were now witnessing the two faces of Labour, in which the moderation of the front bench contrasted with the real Labour views of the backbenches.

It had been a Budget for recovery which had been welcomed by the business and industrial community. He Majorism

promises that good times are around the corner but we never turn the corner - JOHN SMITH

quoted letters of support for the Budget which he had received from organisations. There has been a tremendous vote of confidence from businers leaders." Almost drowned out by shours from Opposition, he attacked the attitude of Lab-

our MPs who did not want to hear the views of the business community. They would have to deal with the business community in the forthcoming election campaign. The Budget had also been welcomed by organisations representing the elderly, including Help the Aged, he Answering criticism that

reductions in family credit had offset some people's gains from the Budget to only 19p a week, Mr Mellor said that it was a desperate plea in mitigation of Labour's decision to oppose the Budget. Only one tenth of the £1.8 billion of tax reductions had been taken back on family

Mr Mellor said that Mr

Kinnock, in responding to the Budget, had "delivered himself of the wrong speech for the wrong Budget. Astonish-ingly, he decided to plough on anyway. Was this the first human brain to be infected by the Michelangelo virus?" He asked why Mr Kinnock was not able to respond straight away over the issue of the 20p tax band, and said it was the "feeblest excuse" for Labour to leave another six days before giving the shad-



Reflections on the Budget: John Smith yesterday. "Time has run out for a party living on borrowed money and on borrowed time" country." He said that the ow budget: "They have had

13 years to get their attitude straight." Labour's decision to launch

the shadow budget the morning after the Commons Budget debate was due to finish was designed to avoid close Mr Mellor recalled that Mr Smith had said after the

Budget that he would oppose the 20p tax band. "Now we know. The truth is out about what Mr Smith plans. Labour would not just soak the rich, they are going to soak the poor as well." They now had the absurd

spectacle of the Labour party proposing a minimum wage to help the low paid and then propsing to increase their tax. I cannot think of a more ridiculous position for the Labour party to get itself into. Over the years they have got. themselves in more ridiculous positions than any Jane

Fonda workout, but this the most ridiculous of all." Mr Mellor went on to quote from a Labour party cam-paign guide published in February which spoke of Labour's plans as being a starting point for moving to a 20p band.

But Mr Smith intervened to say that Labour would oppose tax reductions to finance porrowing.

However, Mr Melior said that when Mr Smith was a

minister, the Labour government increased borrowing to finance a 2p cut in income tax and a reduction in valueadded tax. At one time the Labour

party was enthusiastic about a 20p band. But it was rather like the ERM. Labour was very much in favour when they thought the Conservatives were not going to do it. "Now lots of Labour candidates have lots of words to eat. No need to go to Luigi's for a satisfying meal."

Mr Mellor said that the

20p band was intended as a start towards removing the 25p standard rate. The Opposition had claimed that the Tories were not serious about the 20p rate. The Budget

demonstrated just how serious they were.

At least the Liberal Democrats were honest. They said that they would put the basic rate up. Labour seemed to think that they could increase spending and not increase Taxation was a takeaway,

> sumed that the state had a right to everything one earned and they gave a little bit back, a kind of pocket money. Mr Smith thought he knew how to spend people's money better than they did. That was patronsing and inappropriate. It called into question everything about Labour and tax. If they were prepared to claw back from the less well off, what else might they do to feed their spending ambitions. What about the sanctity of the 25p rate? Could they be expected

not a giveaway. Labour as-

Labour had said it would use the £1.8 billion tax cuts for spending. But how far would it go when one considwould it go when one considered the plans of Michael Meacher "the greatest serial spender at liberty"? When one considered the other

to honour that when they

were prepared to increase the tax of those just within the tax

• Was Kinnock the first human to be infected by the Michelangelo virus? - DAVID MELLOR

plans for health and transport, "the money would be spent many more times over than even Bob Maxwell could imagine" The difference between the

parties was that the Conservatives believed that people had the right to retain as much of their income as possible and to spend it how they liked. They did not believe in state direction of a kind which penalised rich and poor alike. Mr Mellor concluded with headlines culled from the newspapers during the winter of 1979 — the "winter of discontent" — and said that many people still remem-bered what a Labour government was like. Some people, he said, argued that Labour had changed. They had been served by paying close attenwilling to change any inconvenient attitudes and now they said: "These are my principles. If you don't like them I have others."

In that sense they had changed. But nothing had really changed. They were as unbalanced as ever, as unready to listen to reason and that was why they must be

Merlyn Rees, the former Labour minister, making his final speech in the House after nearly 30 years as a Leeds MP, said that there was nothing in the Budget that would help the poor and unemployed in his Since his father had walk-

ing to London in the 1930s he had had a hatred of unemployment Inflation was coming down only because unemployment was rising.

Mr Rees said that there

were people leaving school who would never get jobs."They are brought up to go into unemployment." It was not good enough just to get out of the slump or reliate the economy; there had to be help for the communities which specifically needed it. If the problems of his constituency had occurred in the south of England, something would have been done but because it was a safe Labour seat, there was no-one prepared to fight for change.

He said there was a danger that the country would not pick up as much as before the recession unless there was investment in manufacturing

Both sides of the House had to think about the structure of the country and the problems of certain areas if there was to be any improvement. This Budget is far too near

the election to have any real sense of the real needs of the

Commons would do itself a disservice if it allowed its "office boy humour" to detract from the needs of the country, which would be best

tion to manufacturing. Terence Higgins, chair-man of the Treasury select committee and Tory MP for Worthing, said that it had been a balanced Budget, in many ways imaginative, and would create a situation

vote of confidence from business leaders and groups for the elderly - DAVID MELLOR

• There has been a

which a Conservative government could live with on its return. It was not, in that an electioneering Budget. If increased spending on the NHS and income tax cuts

were bribes, they had been going on for a long time. He believed that it was better to introduce the 20p band now and to raise the level at which it applied progressively until the present 25p band disappeared. Alan Beith, Liberal Demo-

crat Treasury spokesman, welcomed the proposal to integrate the Budget and the

The shock of the Budget was the scale of the borrowing requirement, at £28 billion, rising, it now appeared, to £32 billion. That meant that the recession was much worse than had been thought. They had to act to get out of

the recession, but the Budget offered no hope of that. It was not a Budget for recovery. Investment was clearly a more appropriate direction for the resources that could be gathered together. "Neither I nor the voters

will take promises or lectures about lower taxation from the government that gave us poll tax or put up VAT to 17.5 per cent. Its days are numbered.

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Diplomats sent home

More than 40 serious offences were committed by foreign diplomats last year, and as a result seven were sent home, Mark Lennox-Boyd, the Foreign Office minister, said in a written answer. He defined that might attract a prison sentence of six months or more. Most involved shoplifting and drinkdriving offences. Mr Lennox-Boyd also

published the annual 'league table" of unpaid parking fines incurred last year by diplomatic missions in London. The main offenders were Saudi Arabia (367), and Russia and the former Soviet Union (363). **BR** invests

British Rail has been

authorised to invest up to £65 million to obtain 1,000 wagons for the Freeman, the public transport minister, said.

Clocking curb In an attempt to prevent

the "clocking" of cars — turning back the mileometer — the mileage will be written on the registration document when the vehicle changes hands, Christo-pher Chope, the roads and traffic minister, said in a written reply. Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Questions: Treasury; prime min-ister. Conclusion of debate on the Budget. Lords (3): Further and Higher Education (Scot-land) Bill, report.

Scramble begins to get bills passed

By Sheila Gunn, political correspondent risk by the dissolution of Par-

WHEELING and dealing started behind the scenes at Westminster last night to decide the fate of the remaining bills. Today will be devoted to finishing the Commons debate on Norman Lamont's Budget, with votes scheduled for 10pm. That will be followed by the start of the Finance Bill, enacting the main Budget provisions. The Commons will meet on



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last-minute business

Friday and Monday to clear away the remains of the legislative programme. The business managers of the main parties will try to do deals on bills which have not yet received royal assent.

John MacGregor, the Leader of the House, will start today's sining by making a Commons statement about the final three days. Most at

liament on Monday are the bills dealing with asylum, schools, charities, higher education in Scotland and private bills procedures. The Asylum Bill, which has

only just started its passage through the Lords, looks likely to fall with a commitment by Kenneth Baker, the home secretary, to re-introduce it if the Conservatives win the general election. A last-minute deal to save

most of the Charities Bill now appears possible, in spite of doubts among some Labour MPs. The legislation, tightening up the regulation of charities, started in the Lords where it was supported by all parties. After the Lords' defeats on the Education (Schools) Bill, the legislation is now far more modest. The remaining sections requiring local education authorities to publish league tables of the performance of state schools is likely to survive.

The bill reforming the private bill procedure for dealing with big road and infrastructure projects looks doomed because of lack of time in the Lords. A deal between the parties in the Lords should guarantee that the Further and Higher Education (Scotland) Bill is completed as the government has agreed to write in a safeguard for aca demic freedom.



Arkansas governor emerges as Democratic challenger to president

Clinton acquires aura of a winner

PROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

AFTER routing Paul Tsongas throughout the South in the Super Tuesday primaries. Bill Clinton emerged yester-day as the overwhelming favourite to win the Democratic presidential nomination.

The Arkansas governor won some 433 of the 783 convention delegates at stake, compared with Mr Tsongas's 210. He could now virtually wrap up the nomination by winning the Illinois and Michigan primaries next

Tuesday.
President Bush comfortably defeated Patrick Buchanan, the conservative insurgent, in all eight Repub-lican primaries. He now has 554 pledged delegates, more than half the required total. compared to the columnist's 54. He nevertheless has little cause to celebrate. In almost every state, be-

tween a quarter and a third of Republicans voted against Mr Bush. More seriously, fully an eighth of all southern Republican voters told exit pollsters that they would vote for a Democrat against Mr Bush in November. The South is the key region in presidential elections, and Mr Clinton is beginning to win back the blue-collar conservative whites whose defections made possible the last three Republican White

Mr Buchanan yesterday rejected calls by party leaders that he end his challenge, which has seriously weakened the president. He now plans to pour all his resources into

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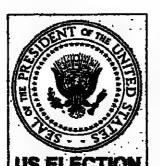
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ment and economic discon-tent are high. He claims he is winning the debate, if not the delegates, and to be pulling Mr Bush to the right. He did, however, acknowledge that at some point "you've got to look

at the writing on the walf". The only clear Republican loser was David Duke, the former Ku Klux Klan grand wizard, who failed to reach double figures anywhere but in Mississippi. He flopped even in his home state of

The key Democratic battleground was in Florida, where Mr Tsongas had banked on victory to prevent Mr Clinton making a clean sweep in his native South. Florida, in the South but not of it, was the first real confrontation between the two men on neutral territory, and Mr Clinton won handsomely, with 52 per cent of the vote to 34.

Mr Tsongas had also hoped to run Mr Clinton close in delegate-rich Texas, but there, too, the Arkansas governor coasted home by 65 per cent to 19, adding to big victories in Tennessee. Mississippi, Louisiana, Missouri, Oklahoma and Hawaii. Mr

SUPER TUESDAY SCORECARD

Jerry Brown, the former governor of California, knocking Mr Clinton into third place. He also won in nearby Rhode Island and Delaware.
An elated Mr Clinton

claimed finally to have put behind him the allegations of adultery and draft-dodging that almost derailed his candidacy last month. In Florida and Texas, barely 6 per cent of voters cited the charges as factors in their choice. "The people of the South heard the worst about me but they saw the best," he declared. "The true measure of a politician can never be perfection be-cause, if it were, no one could

Mr Tsongas argued that he had more than survived Super Tuesday. He had won in the northeast; Mr Clinton in his native south. "I'm going to tell you something, Bill Clinton. You're not going to pander your way into the White House as long as I'm

around," he told supporters.

Despite his defian tone, the results were a big blow for the former Massachuseus sena-tor. He failed to widen his base much beyond educated, upper-income suburbanites while Mr Clinton assembled a coalition of blacks and bluecollar whites not seen since Robert Kennedy's 1968

campaign.
Illinois and Michigan are both heavily unionised, blue-collar industrial stares. In Illinois, in particular, Mr Clinton has built a formidable organisation. He has also acquired a winner's aura.

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United front: Bill Clinton. fighting for the Democratic presidential momination, being hugged and congratu-lated by his wife, Hillary, as he claimed victory in the Super Tuesday primaries at a rally in Chicago. Mr Clinton claimed to have put behind him allegations of adultery and draft-dodging that al-most detailed his candidacy last month. "The true measure of a politician can never be perfection because, if it

Boom time for memorabilia makers

FROM JAMIE DETTMER IN WASRINGTON

WHERE do out of work copywriters go? In a presidential election year they start mak-ing up petty slogans for the makers of political memora-bilia. With several months campaigning still to go, the United States is already awash with the trinkers that give an American election a mecial flavour.

'Americans aren't lazy, they're just BUSHed", is the latest slogan to find its way onto t-shirts, badges and bumper stickers that are being poured out for the 1992 presidential election

Campaign.
The market for the memorabilia is insatiable, partly driven by amateur collectors who hope that badges which cost little today could be worth hundreds of dollars in years to come. As the 1992 campaign hots up, so collecting is becoming ever more frenetic. Local party head-quariers are inundated by treasure hunters keen to pick up official posters and badges. Shops that sell the far more interesting unofficial memorabilia are also

The best of the current badges tend to be ireverent, and also frequently feature that some items from previ-vice-President Dan Quayle. ous elections now do remains There has been a run on the to be seen. The badges, stick the most crucial "Super Tues-

badge that shows Edvard Munch's The Scream with the words "President Quayle" emblazoned across lt. Another commonly seen badge here contains a picture of the ever eager Quayle sur-rounded by the words: "President's prayer club keep George healthy." After the New Hampshire

primary, the Buchanan badges were particularly sought after. One of the most



popular shows the challenger for the Republican nomina-tion kicking President Bush. "We kicked a litte ass in New Hampshire ... we'll kick it across the USA."

Whether the 1992 memo-rabilia will fetch the prices

ers and posters are now mass produced while in elections earlier in the century fewer items were made. Extremely scarce 1920 black and white badges depicting James Cox, Democratic candidate, and his running mate Franklin Roosevelt are now worth

Comeback kid: Bill Clinton truly became "the comeback kid" on Tuesday night. He is now within reach of winning the Democratic presidential nomination — a goal that only a month ago seemed utterly beyond his grasp.

In mid-February, a week before New Hampshire's first protection of the protectio

well over £15,000.

presidential primary, his campaign was near collapse after question arose about alleged extra-marital affairs and his Vietnam war draft record. But Mr Clinton perse-vered and dubbed himself "the comeback kid" after finishing second to his principal rival, the former Massachusetts senator Paul Tsongas, in the crucial state of New Hampshire Friends and colleagues say he has aspired to high political office since his

teenage years. He is now in a strong position to win the Democratic presidential nomination, havday" voting contests includ-ing Florida, the day's most hotly contested race.

Blacks, hispanics and the poor largely discounted Mr Tsongas' economic message, broadening Mr Clinton's victories by huge margins across the South. "He's from this part of the country and he sounds like he's for the work-ing people," said Charles Gragg, a retired meat inspec tor from Oklahoma City, ex-



plaining why he voted for Mr

Exit polis taken for four television networks found 81 per cent of black voters in the five southern starts where Mr Clinton and Mr Tsongas were on the ballot chose the ing trounced Mr Tsongas in Arkansas governor. (Reuter,

West warns Baghdad it may bomb nuclear weapons plant

18%

72%

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

THE Western allies signalled to Iraq yesterday that they might bomb its main nuclear weapons facility if Baghdad continues to defy the United Nations.

The scarcely veiled threat came as Tariq Aziz, Iraq's deputy prime minister, confronted the UN Security Council at an extraordinary session in New York. At Washington's request, Hans Blix, the head of the International Atomic Energy Agen-cy, agreed to put Iraq on notice that the UN would soon try to dismantle the once secret facility at Al Atheer, 40 miles south of Baghdad.

Senior Western diplomats said the instaliation, which is largely escaped the alited blitz during the Gulf war, could be bombed if Iraq refused to cooperate. "One way or another these things are going to be destroyed, said one Western official. The trages must know that if they go on blocking, they are offering themselves up as a nice

Al Atheer was the centre of iraq's efforts to "weaponise" its nuclear material. The site contains laboratories and an underground bunker used for testing the sophisticated conventional explosives that would detonate a nuclear device. But its significance was unknown to the outside world until United Nations inspectors learned details of Iraq's nuclear weapons programme from thousands of documents seized in Baghdad last

In an agreed statement yesterday, the security council took Iraq to task for failing to comply with the terms of the UN resolutions ending the Gulf war. The council president, Diego Arna of Venezuela, reiterated that Iraq was in "material breach" of the ceasefire terms.

 Jerusalem: Moshe Arens, the Israeli defence minister. today begins a week-long visit to America in an effort to revive the relationship that has been strained over Isra-el's request for \$10 billion (£5.8 billion) of loan guaran-

grants from the former Soviet Union (Ben Lynfield writes). Mr Arens will meet Richretary, in Washington and

address Jewish fund-raising groups in New York and Los Angeles. He will also consult congressmen in an effort to give impetus to Israel's stalled attempt to obtain the American loan guarantees.

DEMOCRATS

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Rhode Island (231 - 100%) Tennessee (2,387 of 2,395 - 99%)

Yitzhak Shamir, the prime minister, and other Israeli leaders have been dismayed by the Bush administration's insistence that Jerusalem halt the building of Jewish settlements in the occupied territories in return for the loan

Caracas halts price rise to check riots

on Tuesday, police used tear gas and water cannon to control demonstrators in the cap-ital. At least 25 people were injured. The government froze the price of petrol, flour. rice, milk and vegetable oils.

Caracas: President Pèrez of Venezuela and his new cabi-

net of "democratic unity" yesterday began to enact emergency measures after mounting protests against economic austerity and wide-spread corruption (Tony Bianchi writes).
As the cabinet was sworn in

Mulroney attack sours free trade accord

FROM JOHN BEST IN OTTAWA

BRIAN Mulroney, the Canstwo decisions taken by Washdian prime minister, has likington which are seen in Canada as personal affronts to Mr Mulroney. The prime minister is closely identified with the agreement, having led his Conservative party to ened the actions of Washington to those of a "tinpot dictator" because of the bitter quarrel between Canada and America over alleged US an election victory on the isprotectionism. sue in 1988. The first deci-The dispute is damaging the spirit of the bilateral free sion was to place a retroactive duty on Japanese-designed trade agreement on which the two countries agreed two Honda cars manufactured in years ago. The American Omario, which Canada says agreement with Canada is supposed to form part of a wider agreement with Mexi-

are supposed to qualify for duty-free entry into America under the agreement. The second was Washington's imposition of a 14.5 per

cent countervailing duty on

imports of softwood lumber from Canada, on the grounds that production is subsidised by various Canadian provincial governments. This ruling could cost lumber producers \$Can440 million (£214 million) a year. Canada denies the subsidy accusations.

Mr Mulroney has been under attack, inside and outside Parliament, since the measures were imposed. Last weekend he telephoned President Bush and accused America of "harassment" tactics. Using unusually blunt lan-

guage. Mr Mulroney said that such actions against

America's closest trading partner would damage the its reputation "around the world". He called on Mr Bush to "deal with the people down the line" who were trying to undermine Canadian

imports. Mr Mulroney said later that while he might expect such harassment from some "tinpot dictator", he found it most unworthy coming from The United States. In parliament this week he hinted that the "vexatious harassment", stemmed from "pure politics at a lower level" — an obvious allusion to the fact that protectionist pressures in America come to the fore in an election year.

His strong statements gave rise to speculation that his government might seek ways to retaliate. Canadian officials hinted that retaliatory measures were under consideration. But after Tuesday's cabinet meeting Michael Wil-

American officials say that the disputes are still negotiable. It is understood, however. that a settlement would be difficult before the presiden-

 Brussels: High-level American and European Community officials held talks here yesterday on the transatiantic deadlock over farm subsidies after an appeal for help from President Bush to Jacques Delors, president of the EC commission in which he outlined a change in in the American position in the deadlocked General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade

room to manoeuvre on compensating farmers for loss of income caused by falls in

How bullets in a woman's back pierced Mafia pride

The botched attempt on the life of a

mobster's wife has wrecked the image

of steely gangster honour in the eyes of

The correct role for a Sicilian widow of Brooklyn is to burst wailing into the courtroom and shrick a mother's curses on the murderer of her two sons. Anna Carini did just that when Salvatore Gravano, the selfconfessed executioner and underboss of the Gambinos. took his place in the witness box for another day of "ratting" on John Gotti, the alleged godfather.

For the reporters and Hollywood scriptwriters who are chronicling the Gotti trial. the performance last week was straight Mafia theatre, another dash of colour in what many see as the last great spectacle of the New York Cosa Nostra. Mothers. in Mafia lore, are not sup-

posed to be gunned down by hit squads on their way home from taking their children to school. That incident squelched the romance around the epic of the Dapper Don in the Brooklyn court. The Mob's glamour has

died with this outrage," said

the New York Post yesterday.

ic in the court over his 19 confessed "pieces of work" on behalf of Mr Gotti and the public could relish his poker-faced yarns about the necessity of murdering insufficiently respectful business associates. But hitting Patricia Capazzalo, the sister of another mobster-turncoat, broke the ancient rule that wiseguys do not whack women. That the gunmen botched their job and left Mrs Capazzalo alive despite five builets in the back was further testimony to the collapse of tradition.

Mr Gravano could wax com-

The police believe Mrs Capazzalo was shot either by her brother's colleagues in the Luchese family or by the rival Gambinos. He had agreed to testify in court against Luchese soldiers and Mr Gotti. Either way, the message was clear. "This has a big effect on the Gotti jurors," said a court official. Mr Gravano had already upset the jury with a lurid account of the Mafia's ways

of "persuading" jurors of

New Yorkers, Charles Bremner writes their innocence. "It'll also common on a Brooklyn street. The only thing that wimesses. Will they want to segregated them from the

testify now?" the official said. If the attack was a Luchese job, it was all the more inexplicable because the acting boss of the clan is Antony "Gas Pipe" Casso, a man who is said to have tortured to death one of his soldiers for murdering a woman. The experts on both the law enforcement and enter-

tainment sides see the attack on Mrs Capazzalo, combined with Sammy the Rat's violation of the code of omenta and his betrayal of the innermost Mafia secrets, as the end of everything that distin-guished the Maila culture from the ordinary, horribly violent crime of New York. "The Italian mob now

comes revealed cheap and

lesser gangsters was self control," said Mike McAlary. one of the tabloid scribes who writes about the underworld in sentimental tough-guy

co leading to a free trade zone

The row was triggered by

across North America.

Jowever, New York and Leven the prosecutors themselves are confessing to a guilty admiration for the behaviour of the alleged capo di tutti capi. Mr Gotti, it seems, is the

last true believer in the sacred code and is determined. at the cost of spending the rest of his life in prison, to stick to the heroic ways beloved of the movie-makers since the days of Al Capone and Jimmy Cagney. For three weeks, the court



has heard hours of FBI taperecordings of Mr Gotti conducting business and dispensing justice from his office in Little Italy. Some of his soliloquies came readymade for the screenplay. For example, on the need for "popping" a bumptious wiseguy, he explained: "He didn't rob nothin'. You know why he's dying? He's gonna die because he refused to come in when I called."

The prosecutors say the case has revealed Mr Gotti's to be a crude world of naked greed and appalling violence, but day-by-day, the image is being contradicted by the stoic, every-smiling perHe may face the near cer-tainty of life in prison for multiple murders and racketeering, but he playfully calls Judge Leo Glasser a punk and blows kisses to a prosecutor. He remains jovial, cocky and too immaculate in his tailoring. The mystique of the American Mafia may be dying, but Mr Gotti is determined not

to lower himself to the level of Sammy the Rat. According to insiders, he has instructed his lawyers to avoid revealing anything about his life that has not been exposed by his

"He will show us how a Marshal of France dies." said Murray Kempton, another columnist. "He has to know that the Imperial Guard is a broken column and that his appointed St Helena is that most savage of prisons, the Marion, Indiana facility, but he will die believ-

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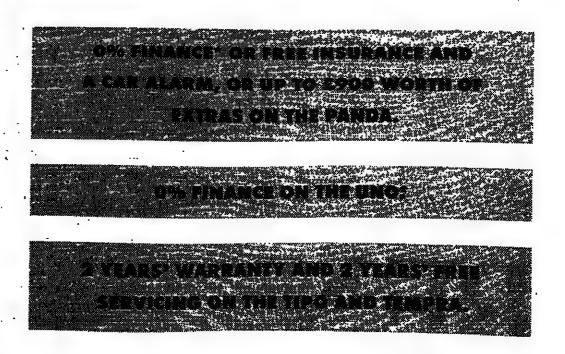
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Russia fears resurgence of Soviet old guard

THE Russian government fear that the Soviet old guard is about to stage one last, desperate stand. The date of the feared confrontation is next Tuesday — the first anniversary of Mikhail Gorbachev's referendum on the unity of the Soviet Union when conservatives plan to convene the old Soviet parliament in special session.

The two sides have been drawing up their battle lines all week. With President Yeltsin out of Moscow on holiday, the leading reformists are on the defensive and some highly influential conservatives have been crawling out of the un-dergrowth to view the new political landscape. In Mos-

Legal doubts on Honecker trial mount

Bonn: Germany faces legal hurdles in bringing charges against Erich Honecker once it succeeds in repatriating the former East German leader from Moscow, according to a German official.

Much research was re-quired to link the former com-munist leader with deaths resulting from his government's shoot-to-kill policy at the Berlin Wall, Jutta Limbach, the Berlin Justice senator, said. She told Ger man television that the legal situation was creating prob-lems and added that what was difficult was "to prove that Honecker is individually responsible for deaths at the Berlin Wall". Herr Honecker has spent the past three months in the Chilean em-bassy in Moscow. (Reuter)

Slow starters

Vilnius: President Landsbergis, on the second anniversary of Lithuania's declaration of independence, said the presence of former Soviet troops and slow economic reforms were blocking full independence. (Reuter)

Benetton ban

Frankfort: Germany has banned two controversial adfashion group Benetton which show an Aids victim near death and an African rebe! holding a gun and a human bone. (Reuter)

Tirana protest

Tirana: Albania protested to Grevce over alleged interfer-ence in its March 22 general ciection. The protest con-cerned leaflets being distributed in Albanian regions with a Greek minority, seeking to influence their vote. (Reuter)

Camp attacked

Divarbakir: Turkish soldiers, backed by helicopters, at-tacked a Kurdish rebel base of about ten tents in the meuntains near the eastern town of Genc, killing at least 28 separatist guerrillas in the

Experts chosen Peking: Li Peng, the Chinese prime minister, has appointed 40 Hong Kong men and four women as "advisers" to his government in a move which is expected to undermine further the power of the Hong Kong government.

Bus burnt out

San Sebastian: Members of a Basque separatist youth organisation set a Spanish bus on fire in protest at Eta prisoners' jail conditions. They tried to burn another | bus, smashed windows and from requiring three weeks

newly formed conservative alliance. bringing together more than 25 diverse political groupings, presented their opposition platform. Among them were Aleksandr Zyug-anov, the former deputy leader of the Russian Communist party, several other former central committee members, a handful of Rumien nationalist intellectuals, and the leader of the conservative union of officers, Colonel Stanislav Terekhov.

The chair was taken by Sergei Baburin, enfant terrible of the anti-Yeltsin opposi-tion in the Russian parliament. KGB officers were seen associating with the platform party. The previous day, the self-styled "opposition alli-ance" launched its movement by publishing a combative joint declaration on the front page of the conservative So-vetskaya Rossiya newspaper.

The emergence of this new grouping cements an alliance between the extreme right nationalist movements and diehard communists, which has developed since the collapse bination of all-Russian vir-tues — orthodoxy, respect for the will of the people, and patriotism — with the communist ideals of egalitarian-ism and protection for the underprivileged, finds a ready audience in Russia still. But Mr Yeltsin's popularity is

hard to dent. Mr Baburin said yesterday the main aims of the opposition alliance were to oust the government, gain a say in the formation of a new one, and persuade Mr Yeltsin to change his economic policy.

No one said anything about trying to oust Mr Yelisin. The Moscow city authori-ties have banned the planned public demonstration, saying the organisers are unable to guarantee public order. They have refused to provide remises for the "emergency USSR congress".

 Brussels: Russia and America failed to reach de-tailed agreement on new cuts in their stockpiles of nuclear warheads after five hours of talks here yesterday, but sounded confident that a fresh arms treaty can be settled by the summer (George

The two governments have been looking for ways to move beyond cuts agreed in the Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (Start) which was last year when the Soviet Union still existed. Washington wants to see the Start cuts, which will take several years, under way before further reductions are agreed. Russia wants to make new commitments this year.



Power play: President Yeltsin hits a determined forehand on a tennis court in the Black Sea resort of Sochi yesterday, where he is holidaying with his family

Shevardnadze must travel rocky road to presidency

FROM BRUCE CLARK IN MOSCOV

THE violence that has shaken Georgia during the last five days since Eduard Shevardnadze, the former Soviet foreign minister, made his dramatic repert home, shows that his path to the Georgian presidency is unlikely to be a smooth one. Mr Shevardnader has been confirmed as chairman of a newly formed state council that will guide the republic to elections, expected in June.

It was disclosed yesterday that he had urged President Yeltsin not to withdraw from Georgia the 200,000-strong former Soviet garrison, whose commanders made no secret of their sympathy for the rebellion that toppled Zviad Gamsakhurdia, the nationalist president, in January. Mr Shevardnadze is now seen by many Georgians as the only hope of ending their isolation and economic paralysis. He was congrat-ulated on his new job by

Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the German foreign minister. Apart from explosions and unpattles that have killed

four people in the pro-Gam-sakhurdia strongholds of western Georgia, there have been shooting incidents in Tbilisi, the capital, including an unsuccessful attack on two correspondents of Tass. In the north Caucasian city of Grozny, where Mr Garhsa-khurdia has been accorded asylum, his supporters said. they planned to convene a ion in exile of the old Georgian parliament, dis

solved by the rebels. The acute economic hardship faced by residents of Thillisi has easted somewhat in the past few days, in what some Georgians see as an orchestrated attempt by the authorities to enhance Mr Shevardnadze's reputation as a miracle worker. However, Georgian officials acknowledge that even with the benefit of Mr Shevardnadue's international prestige, many of the republic's economic probiems will take years to resolve.

Georgia has remained outside the new Commonwealth of Independent States, and Mr Shevardnadze has indicated that he is in no hurry to join: almost certainly because he senses that the institution itself will not last much longer. Despite its nominal independence, Georgia still has to beg the Russian central bank to supply it with roubles.

have not risen as fast as they have in Russia, it is tempting for Georgia to mint its own money, but that would cause a massive discussion to trade between Russia and Georgia. The republic's industries, which are largely at a standstill, are also unlikely to be strong enough to sustain a new currency without massive external help.

New life hard for Jews in Odessa

FROM ROBERT SEELY IN ODESEA

he second world war, has lost tens of thousands of its citi-However, a trickle of those who leave return, often without passports of documents, abreed proves illusory. Aleksandt Klechuk, a

Aleksandt Klochuk, a wealthy 32-year-old Odesta Jew, emigrafed to America where he spent two years living in Brobldyn. New York, struggling to earn a living first as a time titles, and then living to shalle a living running a fingle-shall. He featured to Ukraine last year.

Mr Klochin said: I spent my life trying how to live in the Soviet system. I studied liow to manifolistic it and how to create work around it but all the knowledge I had built up was useloss. In the West, if you want to do business you

up was useless. In the West, if you want to do business you just pick up the phone."

Mr Klochuk, who speaks little English, returned to Odessa without a passport after he was differed a job running the local end of an Us-owned inport-export company. Although most of his friends who left Ukraine will stay abroad because "they like having not water all day," he reckoned that 10 per cent had returned.

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cent had retained.

Pleases perhaps another 10-20,000 will emigrate this year from Odessa slone — are continuing anti-setuitism and the economic and polinical instability in Ukraine and throughout the Commonwealth of Independent States. What thany effigrants find difficult to cope with it the lack of power and status they possess in the new society

possess in the new society compared to the influence that Jews have historically



mained in Odessa, makes a living photographing wed-dings and dinners in one of the city's many privately-

Mr Pisak said: "When I talk with friends who have emigrated I feel in thy heart that they were not right to leave. They don't have materi-al problems in their new lives. but their aspirations remain

Professor dons mantle of war chief in Karabakh

Well-meaning attempts to settle the ethnic dispute in Nagomo-Karabakh stand hitle chance of success.

Anatol Lieven writes from Shusha

AT HIS headquarters in Shusha, Professor Rathini Gasiev, the Azerbaijani commander on the western from crisi-cised both Iranian mediation in the feuding over Nagotho-Karabakh and the fact-finding mission from the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Editope (CSCE) as useless.

He described the resulting, shaky ceasefires as Armenian ticks designed to give the republic the chance to apply the resulting to the chance to strengthen its foroit. He said that for this reisson he had refused to meet Prince Karl Schwarzenberg, the leader of the CSCE delegation, during his visit to the territory.

CSCE member states, meeting in Helsinki, will consider tomorrow whether to send ceasefire monitors to Nagorno-Karabakh, Nils Ellasson, the CSCE secretariat chief, said yesterday. The meeting of senior efficials could also decide to nominate Jirí Dienstbier, Czechoslovakia's foreign minister, or someone else to go to the region to try to start a dis-logue, Mr Eliaston said.

Professor Gasiev's rise to

the supreme command at Shusha, the most important Azerbaijani enclive remaining in Nagorno-Karabakh, has been orthodox duly by revolutionary staticards. mathematics lecturer in Morcow, aged 49, he earned fame for his uncomprofitising call for Aserbaijan's full independense from the Seviet Union and, in particular, for his stand against the Soviet militery intervention in January 1990 after mass killings of Armenians and a popular uprising in Baku.

rising in Baku.

No one appointed me commander here, tiedause when I came there was no military structure here — only mining structure here — only people who had come here to defend their country. My platical stand had given use a certain public respect. To when I came here in November, the Azerbaijani fighters accepted my authority, not just volunteers, but the police as well." In the end, he said, the former community some the former communist gov-ernment of President Mutili-bov, of which he had been a blitte opponent, hee ho choice but to accept him is commander. "After all, they themselves have created no

which is helping the Armemans, has prevented the goventment from creating an Azerbaijani force.

Two weeks ago, Professor Gasiev was reported by the opposition Popular Front to have threatened a military coup against Mr Mutalibov if his government did not take "decisive measures" in the disputed enclave. Soon after accepted him as commander.

Mr Mutalibov has since resigned and has been replaced by a Popular Front leader.

Professor Gasiev holds out no hope of a compromise with Armenia, insisting that if the Armenians in Nagomo-Karabakh are to stay and eajoy autonomy, Armenia must take back and grant autonomy to thousands of Azerbaijanis expelled from Armenia in 1988.

Army tells Armenia to free men

A SENIOR Commonwealth of Independent States general was negotiating yesterday by the lives of ten officers held hostage by Armenian extremists. At the same time the Russian parliament appealed to President Ter-Petrossian and the Armenian parlia-ment to secure their immediate release.

in Baku, the Azerbaijan espital. Douglas Hogg, a Foreign Office minister, met the republic's leaders yester-day. The leaders agreed that ference for Security and Cooperation in Europe would be instrumental in resolving the growing conflict over disputed Nagorno-Karabakh.
In Moscow, a spokesman

for the commonwealth's general staff said the group, which attacked a common-wealth anti-aircraft base in Armenia on Sunday and took the officers hostage, had threatened to kill them if they were not given 5,000 Grad missile launchers, 5,000 mor-miss, 5,000 anti-tank gre-

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Students rally to topple Milosevic

FROM TIM JUDAH IN BELGRADE

THOUSANDS of students occupied one of Beigrade's main thoroughfares yesterday in an anti-government protest which, organisers hope, will eventually lead so the fall of Slobodan Milosevic, the Serbian president. The students difficed to rock music, applicately fixed anti-government speecher and resulted that a mailing demonstration a year ago led

and resalled that a similiar demonstration a year size led to the deployment of banks on the streets of the Service capital. On Monday, more than 25,000 opposition slightness radige in Belgrade and the students want to lose up the momentum of protest.

However, yesterday's mood among the well-dressed, field-dle-clais students was one of pessimism. Marisa, an asymptotic processimism. Marisa, an asymptotic possimism.

pessimism. Marija, an astro-physics student agest 28, said: The workers are not with us, they are being kept happy because Milosevic & printing worthless money like newspa-gers. The Socialists are a meha, they are just too strong."
In the same mood as dem-

onstrators in other parts of the post-communist Selkens, Beigrade students say they are determined to stay in the streets as long as hecessary. But an elegant group from

the university's engineering factility looked in disbelief when asked if they would follow the example of Buchatest students who occupied a central city intersection for 11 Weeks in 1990.

Things are much tougher there," said Vanja, aged 25, clearly horrified at the suggestion of a prolonged demonstration. A professor from the music faculty said: "This is not the real Serbia." While opposition to Mr Milosevic E strong in Belgrade, he continuts to remain popular in Serbian provinces. * Zagreb: President Tudjman ordered Croatia's

armed forces and police yesterday "to co-operate with the United Nations peace forces"

and "respect their security".

He called on all units to respect a truce agreed on January 3 and issued the order after meeting General Satish Nambiar, the UN peace force commander. Mr Tudiman said the first tasks would be to re-establish air. sea and rail traffic, to facilitate the deployment of the 14.000-strong UN peacekeeping force, as well as oversee the departure of federal troops from Croatia. (AFP)

PARIS NOTEBOOK by Philip Jacobson

Court puts £30-a-night price tag on married love

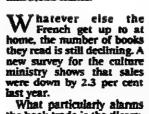
Venturing into realms of judgment that even Solomon might have sought to avoid, a French court has set the price of conjugal love-making at 300 franes (about £30) a session. Magistrates at the civil tribunal in the western town of Saintes issued their ruling this week in a case involving a claim for damages by a local man temporarily obliged to ab-stain from sex with his wife because of a mishap in his

doctor's surgery. The affair began in 1990. when the young man pre-sented himself for treatment of a routine genital ailment. with heavily diluted acid, the doctor applied pure acid, with painful results. Apart clashed with police. (Reuter) off work, the complainant was unable to make love for the next two-and-a-half months. He asked the court to award 9,000 francs in damages against the doctor



and another 12,000 for "enforced abstinence". According to a report in France-Soir, the magistrates decided his claim was exces-

sive and concluded that, since the average French married couple make love once a week, "the complain-ant can legitimately claim to have been deprived of conjugal relations on ten occa-sions". They duly awarded hlm 3,000 france.



the worst. Traditionally the many French literary prizes awarded in this period pro-vide a healthy boost for

sales. Cynics, indeed, argue that sales rather than any

the book trade is the discov-ery that the fourth quarter of the year was by far and away renovation plan proposed by the education ministry. The effect of juggling with the

quest for literary excellence are the prime purpose of the prize giving exercises. tees are already trying to establish the reason for the decline in book sales. Television is, of course, a prime

suspect. The average sec-ondary school pupil watches television for nearly three-hours a day which, with homework leaves little time for recreational reading. In these unpromising cir-I cumstances, it comes as no great surprise to learn that the study of Greek and Latin in the nation's lyces could be phased out under a

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Indonesian muscle stops international protest ship FROM ADAM KELLIHER IN JAKARTA

soon after by two others. Two to victims of a mass killing helicopters hovered overhead swiftly ended yesterday on the as the warships flanked the high seas off East Timor. humbering ferry, with sailors maining heavy machine-guns. When the eastern tip of where Indonesian warships compelled a Portuguese car ferry filled with peace activists to return to Australia. Timor island came into sight and the ferry's captain, Luis The 220ft-long Lusitania Expresso had sailed from Portugal at a reported cost of £450,000 under the glare of international publicity, but the much awaited showbown at daily provided showbown. dos Santos, declared his plans to proceed into the Wetar Straits, a naval officer ordered him by radio: "I tell you directly to leave this area.

at dawn proved to be a tepid event. One frigate loomed at

the side of the vessel, joined

UN troops

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A CONTINGENT of 250 ln-

donesian troops — the first

peacekeeping troops of the United Nations transitional authority in Cambodia —

arrived in the southern port of

Komporing Som, a UN mili-tary official said yesterday.

They will be joined over the coming months by, about 16,000 peacekeepers from around the world, whose role is to enforce Cambodia's recently distinct the rival fee.

ceasefire, disarm the rival fac-

tions and help remove tens of

thousands of mines. The 250

infantrymen, who brought along about 100 trucks, ard-

ved aboard an Indonésian

ressei. Malaysia is to send a

battalion next week.

The rest of the 850-man indonesian battalion is to ar-

rive by Saturday in Kompone

Som and proceed to Phnom

Penh, 145 miles north, where

they will wait for deployment orders. The head of the tran-

sitional authority, Yasushi Akashi of Japan, is to arrive

here on Sunday accompanied by General John Sanderson of Australia, the

military chief in Cambodia.

Australia, the authority's

Negotiations by Rui Marques, the organiser of the venture involving about 140 protesters from 22 nations, received only a blunt reply of Indonesian intentions, "We are warning you that if you do not reverse course, we have the means to use force against your ship," the officer said.

You are now in Indonesian

The protesters promptly ca-pitulated and Captain dos Santos turned his vessel back into international waters. They had wanted to dock at Dili, the capital of East Timor, to lay a wreath at a cornetery where soldiers shot dead at least 50 anti-government protesters on November 12. That was the official figure, but other witnesses have claimed that the toll was about 180,

Before leaving the zone, the ferry passengers held a brief service and cast the wreath into the Indian Ocean in memory of those who died in the former Portuguese colony, which was invaded by Indonesia in 1975 and since annexed. "We will put the flowers in the sea," said a Roman Catholic priest conducting the externony. The sea will take them to the

The final ignominy came when Captain dos Santos had to let the ferry drift for hours because its engine overheated. Then he steamed off towards the northern Australian port of Darwin.

Western diplomats in Jakarta expressed relief that the confrontation had passed without violence.

Mauritius casts monarchy adrift

FROM EVEANN PRENTICE IN GRANDE BAIE, MAURITRIS

The Queen ceases to be head of state of Mantithus today when the Indian . Ocean island becomes a republic - cutting the unabilipoetically put it here.
The infant republic, 500 miles east of Madagascar, shares few of its mother country's features. Mannerisms are predominantly Indian, and although Eng-

French and Creole are widely spoken and used. Britain will hardly feature in today's ceremony.
The wreath-bryings, flag-raisings and razzmatazz all centre on P. V. Narasimba Rao, the Indian prime minister, who is the guest of honour. Britain will be represented by Sir John Shaw

hish is the official language,



Rennie, Mauritius's first post-independence gover-nor-general, but fails to gain a mention in the official guide to today's events.

Mauritius, or lle Maurice as it is almost universally known here, became independent in 1968 but has taken until now to declare itself a republic. It will remain in the Commonwealth. Sir Veerasamy Rinidoo, the governor-general, becomes the first sident. He will hold office for three months before making way for Cassam Uteem, the industry minister, a Muslim, whom the

regime is Hindu-dominated. Political in-fighting is so I intense that Nivan Ramgoolam, the son of Secwoosagur Ramgoolam, the late "father of the nation"

government believes will offset accusations that the

pendence, is boycotting of-ficial ceremonies, including the wreath-laying at his father's shrine. Dr Ram-goolam who leads the main opposition Labour party, criticises the government of Sir Anecrood Jugnanth, the Sir Aheerood Jugnanth, the prime minister, for not holding a referendum on how and when the country should become a republic. He alleges vote-rigging in last September's general election, and is contesting the results.

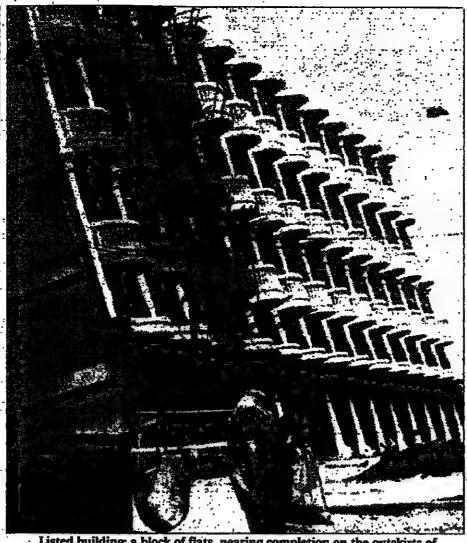
his own wreath-laying and flag-raising ceremony to-day before the official events. "I am going to wel-come Mr Rao," Dr Ram-goolam said yesterday. "I have nothing against him and my father was his per-sonal friend. But I am not going to any official cere-monies." The timing of the republic's birth is wrong, says Dr Ramgoolam. "A lot of investors here like having the Queen as head of state. She is very much loved here and a lot of homes have pictures of her and the Duke [of Edinburgh]."

Dr Ramgoolam will hold

The squabbles which mark Mauritian political life stem partly from the fact that all seven main political parties - three in the governing coalition and four in opposition — share similar ideals. They are all slightly left of centre social democrats in outlook and most parties have at some time been in alliance with the others:

The melange of Hindus and Muslims, Creoles and a sprinkling of Chinese is not universally enthused by the change in constitutional status. Many women are concerned that Ismail Cassam, a man and a Muslim, has been appointed as deputy to the minister of women's rights and family affairs. They are worried about the loss of psychological comfort they drew from having the Queen as head of state; this in a country where, according to a male sugar-cane cutter, women

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Listed building: a block of flats, nearing completion on the outskirts of Bangkok, now unintentionally tilts to resemble Pisa's leaning tower

Black rail travellers retaliate

PROM RAY KENNEDY IN JUHANNESBURG

ENRAGED black commuters, whose daily train rides from their townships to and from Johannesburg are jour-neys of terror, struck back yesterday. They leapt off an early morning train from Soweto when it stopped at a suburban station and chased a man believed to have been one of a gang who had at-tacked passengers. He was cornered, beaten and stabbed to death.

during the rush hours daily.

A CONTRACTOR OF THE CONTRACTOR Anti-Nazis boo MP at Vienna ceremony

claims that the village does

not have enough police pro-tection. An armed raid on a

eweller in Selsey high street

has now prompted him to start a protest petition.

Natalie Cole's musical trib-

ute to her late father, Unfor-

The right-wing Austrian lead-er Joerg Haider was boord by visitors to parliament during the swearing-in ceremony as he took his seat as an MP. The session was suspended

for five minutes to allow calm to be restored. Members of an anti-Nazi group, "Stop them starting", threw leaflets carry-ing the slogan, "We don't want a Fuehrer state!" Patrick Moore is continuing his running battle against Sussex police, claiming they spend more time chasing motorists than criminals. He has been the victim of burglaries at his home in Selsey and

Police said the gang had shot dead one person on the train and wounded six others. Another of the attackers was arrested after he had stabbed a man on a station platform. In the past 18 months, at least 150 people have been killed on black commuter trains and scores have been injured in the Johannesburg

gettable, won two honours at the sixth annual Soul Train Although the police have stepped up their efforts to Music Awards in Los Angeprotect commuters, a severe les. Miss Cole, who was this year's top Grammy winner, and had won the American shortage of manpower pre-vents them from patrolling the dozens of trains that travel Music and the National Assoin and out of Johannesburg ciation for the Advancement of Coloured People Image

awards, added Soul Train trophies for best Rhythm and Blues soul album of the year for a female artist and best jazz album. The vocal quartet. Color Me Badd's I Wanna Sex You Up. was R&B soul song of the year and best

The head of the American defence contractor TRW. Daniel Goldin, has been named as the new director of Nasa. Mr Goldin, a 51-yearold engineer who has headed TRW's Space and Technology Group, replaces Richard Truly, who was forced to resign last month because of differences with the govern-ment over Nasa's direction.

The Reverend Kyung-Chik Han of South Korea, 89-yearold founder of the world's largest Presbyterian church, has won the £1 million award for achievement in any field - the Templeton Prize for Progress in Religion.

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We may mock conspiracy theorists, but watch out for the real conspirators

ho killed JFK? According to a poll, 73 per cent of Americans believe that the president was victim of a conspiracy. This view is, however, generally rejected by the upper classes, both in the political establishment and in the media. They imply that anyone who believes in conspiracy theory is either paranoid or historically illiterate. Oliver Stone's film JFK plays to big houses but gets terrible reviews.

Conspiracy theory has, of course, often assumed daft forms. Conspiracies have not played as large a part in human history as some have imagined, but it is silly to try to ignore their existence both in the past and today. Catholic plots and communist plots have often been the subject of paranoid fantasy, but such plots have also happened, and have affected the course of history. The St Bartholomew's Day Massacre in Paris was a real event, even though it stimulated some Protestants to imagine conspiracies where

none was going on. People, in America and elsewhere have often talked nonsense about Bolshevik conspiracies, but we cannot ignore the fact that a real Bolshevik conspiracy played a big part in the history of the 20th century. The Bolshevik conspiracy did not indeed cause the Russian revolution as a dedicated conspiracy theorist might imagine: the revolution was the product of a general breakdown of Russian society under the impact of the first world war. What the conspiracy did was to harden and train the conspirators, preparing them for the seizure of power in revolutionary conditions. Joseph Stalin wielded power as a conspirator in Baku long before he wielded it as a despot in Moscow. Conspiracy is a good school for despots.

even today, and even in those societies which are models to the world in the matter of democracy and the rule of law. thousands of citizens live under the arbitrary rule of armed conspiracies. The best organised and most formidable of these conspiracies is the Mafia which controls large realms of American life, in the big cities and their sprawling suburbs Oliver Stone - like others before him - assigns to the Mafia a significant part in the assassina-tion of President Kennedy. The case is not proven, but I find nothing intrinsically improba-ble in the hypothesis that a band of conspirators, for whom murder is a matter of routine, conspired to murder a president whose administration was making trouble for them. Making conspiracy theory a general term of dismissal can provide convenient cover for real conspirators.

There are parts of the United Kingdom which are under the de facto rule of another armed conspiracy: that of the IRA. People in South Armagh, Newry, Co Down and Andersonstown, Belfast, are in theory subjects of Her Majesty the Queen, but in reality subjects of the IRA godfathers. The godfathers can sentence them to death, and see that the sentence is carried out. For lesser "offences" the offenders can be kneecapped, or tarred and feathered, or banished. There is no appeal, and the courts of the land provide no protection against the absolute power of the conspirators. People shrink from introducing intermment, because this would infringe the liberties of the subject. But those who live in fear have no liberties. For them, the interament of the godfathers would mean

believe the reluctance to furnish any effective response to the IRA or the Mafia is connected Let to the tendency of the ruling classes, especially the politicians, to reject conspiracy theory. Even where the existence of an armed conspiracy has to be acknowledged, as in the case of the Maña or the IRA, the "no-conspiracy" frame of mind minimises the phenomenon. It is distressing for day, Governor Clinton could good democrats to acknowledge that armed consociety and the lives of their inhabitants. Most crusading pursuit of incompedemocrats prefer not think about the phenometers and corruption in high non, so it comes to be regarded as bad form to go

To suggest that something should actually be done, such as interning the godfathers, is classified as over-reacting. This suits the godfathers. The current consensus in favour of underreacting provides conditions in which the conspiracy can flourish. To imagine conspiracies where none exist is bad, but to refuse to see real making occasional forays to conspiracies may be worse. conspiracies may be worse.

Justice will continue to be out of touch if only elderly men mete it out, argues David Pannick

hen the Lord Chief Justice announces that he is to take "early retirement" at the age of 73, it is time to reconsider the age pro-Too long on the bench

file of our judges. The statement by Lord Mackay, the Lord Chancellor, that he is to consult quer in 1708. In his biographical dictionary of the Judges of the judiciary about reducing the England, Edward Foss recorded retirement age to 70 is a welthat Lovell "sat for the next five come recognition that judges cannot much longer remain years, but from his extreme old age could not be of much use to his colleagues". Vice Chancellor Bacon retired at the age of 88 in immune from the principles which govern other professions. Most judges are appointed to 1886. The Oxford Companion their new career in their early to Law suggests, unsurprisingly, that "latterly he was out of touch to mid 50s, an age when their

contemporaries are planning with legal developments". for retirement. Judges in the High Court the Court of Appeal Because he was appointed to the Bench before 1959, Lord and the House of Lords cur-Denning was not bound by the rently retire at 75. Circuit judges sitting in the Crown Court and County Court retire compulsory retirement age introduced in that year. He outstayed his welcome by remaining Master of the Rolls until he Until the introduction of a finally resigned at the age of 83

compulsory retirement age in 1959, many judges were able to The case for a lower retireresist hanging up their wigs and gowns until well past their sell-by date. Mr Justice Lovell was almost 90 years old when apment age is overwhelming. A judiciary which is composed predominantly of senior citizens cannot easily understand conpointed to the Court of Exchetemporary concerns or apply

contemporary val-ues. Oliver Wendell Holmes, who sat on the United States Supreme Court until past the age of 90, understood that elderly judges are "more likely to hate at sight any analysis to which they are not accustomed. and which disturbs

repose of mind,

than to fall in love

with novelties".

For similar reasons, and to give opportunities to younger individuals, comparable professions, such as the diplomatic service and the police force, impose retirement ages much lower than 75. Indeed, it is quite extraordinary that anyone over

70 should wish to spend the

Lord Mackay: should

the various forms of wickedness and folly which occupy the courts. In recent years, a large number of judges who have earned their pensions have quite understandably chosen to retire before the age Every developed

society has faced this issue. Aristotle doubted whether important disputes

should hold office for life, since "the mind grows old no less than the body". In Talmudic law, a man who had reached the age of 60 was prohibited from sitting as a judge in a capital trial. An exception was recognised where

barristers debate, so serious a matter that the stern tedious detail, attitude typical of an elderly judge was thought appropriate.

A younger judiciary is not necessarily a less wise judiciary. Solomon was, in his own estimation, "a mere child" when he decided to award custody of a baby to the woman who was prepared to give it to the other claimant, rather than to the

> the child split in two. The adoption of a retirement age of 70 need not deprive the legal system of the skills of an elderly judge who still has a particular contribution to make. Discrimination on grounds of age can be as offensive as discrimination on grounds of race or sex in making assumptions about an individual on the basis of characteristics over which he or she has no control

and which may be irrelevant to

the person's abilities to perform a particular job. So, the Lord Chancellor, who himself is rumoured to be preparing to step down after the general election, should also be ready to invite exceptional judges to remain on the Bench past a lowered retirement age.

In 1928, Lord Atkinson wrote to a colleague to say that he had been forced to retire as a Law Lord after the Lord Chancellor "asked me to call upon him. I did call. He said the scurrilous press of Quebec had abused the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council and said the members were all old fogies, that I was the oldest of the old fogies and had woman who was prepared to see

better resign."
The Lord Chancellor's announcement about lowering the retirement age for judges is a welcome recognition that a more rational policy is being considered to enable elderly judges to plan for their welldeserved retirement.

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A presidential thriller

Peter Stothard on Clinton's decisive win

at 72.

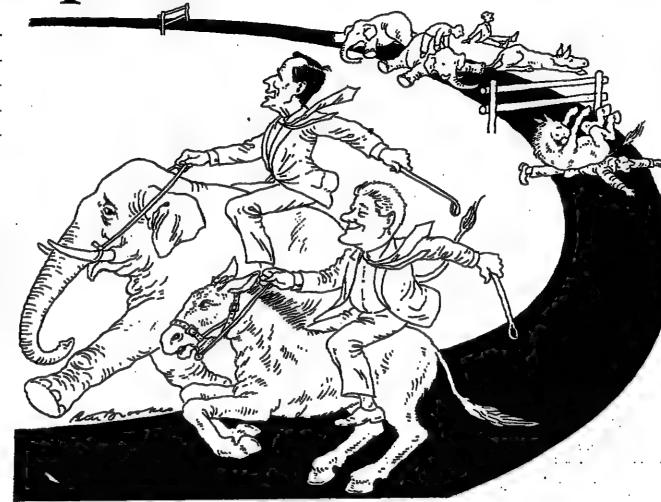
in the southern primaries

s news of Bill Clinton's Super Tuesday successes reached his campaign plane, the candidate was relaxing with a crime novel. His choice was the latest V.I. Warshawski crime bestseller, Guardian Angel, in which the feminist private eye's affair with a black policeman is mixed with murder and the unplanned pregnancy of a dog. A few weeks ago such subject matter might not have been the Arkansas governor's choice. Even though the book is packed with local colour of Chicago, the site of the next and probably decisive Democratic primary on March 17, it might have re-called too vividly his own too

colourful past. Yesterday, however, Bill Clin-ton looked like a man who had put his unwanted past behind him. He was enjoying one of those high days that make all the low days of politics worth-while. As he told his supporters, "the people of the South were told the worst about me and saw

He was called a "pander" by his rival Paul Tsongas, but the allusion was not to sexual in-trigues, only to the instant economic gratification he was offering the electorate. Yesterread his novel and concentrate places. Super Tuesday was sweet revenge on those who had written him off. He was now within one more win of the chance to take on George Bush

His campaign will now be based in Chicago for a week,



also votes next Tuesday. The mood among Democrat cam-paigners is almost delirlous. They think the leftward drift of the party, which began in the turmoil of the Vietnam war, has been halted, and that they now have a new course as clear and potentially successful as that of great depression.
"This is a defining moment,"

said Democrat strategist Bob Beckel, whose management of Walter Mondale's disastrous 1984 campaign marked one of the low points of recent Democrat history. "The blue-collar vote that Ronald Reagan picked up has either completely abandoned George Bush or is so suspicious of him at the moment that any reasonable Democratic candidacy will pull them Governor Clinton, who began

his pitch for the presidency by stressing his support for capital-ism and capital punishment, is now courting the traditional Democrat constituencies as born. But the difference, according to his friend of 20 years and now campaign adviser Diane Blair, is that "Bill Clinton does not have to shackle himself with promises to interest groups in order to get their support. Tradi-tional Democrats want to win the White House and they know Bill is the only one who can win it for them."
In Illinois, Mr Clinton's sup-

would otherwise have bothered to turn out. That is bad luck for Paul Tsongas and good for Bill Clinton. The road from an Illinois win in March to the New York city nomination in July ought to be straight and clear. However, little in American politics this year has been either

porters have a real right to feel

better. As usual, Chicago is far more excited by a local political battle — to oust sitting Demo-crat Senator Alan Dixon — than

in the national contest on the

same ballot. But as it happens,

Mr Dixon is opposed by a fiery

black feminist Carol Braun,

Warshawski, whose candidacy

is likely to attract many more

pro-Clinton blacks to vote than

straight or clear. Republicans and reporters, temporarily tir-ing of sex and draft-dodging allegations, are rummaging through the Clintons' complex financial affairs. When the Arkansas governor reaches the Guardian Angel chapters about politically connected banks, he pages. The defining moment for the Democrats may indeed have arrived, but in Washington there are still those who would like to see a cleaner candidate riding the tide.

For President Bush's supporters. Super Tuesday's results provided a similar mixture of elation overlaying doubt. Mr Bush won "handily", as they say, in every race against Patrick

Buchanan, whose support nowhere rose above 32 per cent. The White House is trying to turn this protest into a proof that Mr Buchanan is a mere messenger who has done his job and ought to get back on his bike

and pedal away.

But, instead, Mr Buchanan is pedalling towards the California primary in June, not least so as to harry Governor Pete Wilson. a moderate compromiser in the George Bush mould and a potential rival for the 1996 nomination. Governor Wilson says that his job is to manage a nation state of 30 million people, and that Mr Buchanan has only his mouth to manage which he does not do very well. The Republican wars are not about to end, and the beneficiary could well be Mr Clinton.

resident Bush is always comfortable in Illinois from where he has chosen three of his cabinet as well as his chief of staff, Samuel Skinner. Republican leaders here are mostly of the Rockefeller country club variety
— the type that Mr Buchanan
calls "kennel-fed". Republican Senate candidates seem less interested in winning than in the jobs that Mr Bush wil give them after their gallant defeats. Mr Buchanan will probably win

nearer 20 than 30 per cent. In Detroit, Michigan, where whites fear black gun battles and where carworkers want anti-Japanese protection, Mr Buchanan's chances are better. It will also be harder there for White House emissaries to claim that their challenger is not a true conservative. The Buchanan campaign is led by Russell Kirk, author of The Conservative Mind: From rke to Santavana, and on the foremost creative thinkers of

the American right. Mr Kirk is also a distin-guished novelist. He writes elegant spiritual thrillers such as The Old House of Fear and The Lord of the Hollow Dark. But these works, albeit for different reasons, are unlikely to be included either in Mr Clinton's cabin baggage or on the book-shelves of Airforce One.

...and moreover CRAIG BROWN

y spelling reached a peak of accuracy when was 12 years old. Grown-ups would ask me how to spell a word, knowing that they could be sure of the correct answer, my "i"s all before "e"s lexcept after "c"s) and so on. Since then, it has been downhill all the way. Do you spell it "separate" or "seperate", for instance? These days, I have to write down the two choices, and still I don't know which to pick. Recently. I discovered that I have been spelling "sophis-treated" wrongly for a least a year, which is a shame, as it immediately signals how unso-phistocated I must be. It reminds me of a childhood friend of mine who fancied himself as an intellectual. Having discov-ered the word "subtle", he peppered his conversation with and we were all very impressed until one of us discovered that the "b" is silent.

How important is spelling? Queen Victoria grew tetchy with the Princess Royal whenever she mis-spelt a word. "I must tell you" she once wrote to her. "that you have mis-spelt some words several times, which you must attend to, for if others saw it, it might make them think you did not attend to orthography and had not been taught well. You wrote in two letters - appeal and appreciate with one p'. Sadly. Queen Victoria was herself not absolutely perfect in this regard, sometimes going into "extacies" and finding things 'schocking" or "bewhildering". As my own spelling steadily

disintegrates, I find myself tak-ing comfort from the example of great writers. Many writers of the most elegant prose have been curiously shoddy spellers. John Cheever's recently published letters reveal him as a hopeless speller ("Your magna minity is overwhelming" he writes to John Updike). Ezra Pound derived aggressive satisfaction from wanton mis-spelling, particularly when he was writing about higher matters.
"If you are nuvvelizing read JH" he wrote to one young man, "no excuse for iggorunce". The writer Ronald Duncan used to have a letter from Pound hanging in his sitting room. It was written when Pound was in prison, chained to a rapist.
"Terrible — but marvellous xperience" It read. To another correspondent, Pound wrote, "Keep on remindin' them that we ain't no bolcheviks, but only the terrifyin' voice of civilisa-tion, kulchuh, refinement, aes-

thetic perception."
Old codger columnists tend to bang on about misplaced apostrophes (our village shop has a permanent sign outside adver-tising Bana's), but even such a precise writer as Evelyn Waugh never seemed quite sure where to put them, sometimes even in "havent" and "didnt" —
forgetting them altogether.
Occasionally mis-spelling has a
grave effect on friendship. "I
have a personal theory", Scott
Fitzgerald's daughter has written, "that one reason Heminghim was that Daddy never got

his name right." Fitzgeraki tended to spell Heminghway either "Hemmingway" or (slightly worse) "Hemminway", while even Ernest was sometimes "Earnest". His daughter suggests that "Hemingway might have felt more tolerant had he seen the scrapbooks, with their headings "Rivierra" and "Brittish Critisism".

Like many poor spellers, Fitz-gerald remembered the "i" be-fore "e" rule only when inappro-priate, so that his friends Theodore Dreiser and Gertrude Stein found themselves ad-dressed as Drieser and Stien. Among his other favourite misspellings were "ect", "apon", "definate" and "yatch".

Though Fitzgerald was extraordinarily lucky in his editor. Maxwell Perkins, who nurtured and cossetted (cosseted?) him beyond the call of duty, it was had luck that Perkins' spelling was almost as erratic as his own. This meant that the publication of his first novel was greeted by The New York Tribune with a readers' competition, the winner whoever spotted the largest number of errors. A Harvard scholar won with a list totalling 100, among them the mis-"Sigorney" rather than "Sigourney". At least, though, Fitzgerald's spelling did not bar
publication; it is said that the
TV personality Loyd Grossman was once turned down as a reviewer by a literary editor "because our policy is to employ only reviewers who can spell their own Christian names".

Trumpeting out (quietly)

FEW THINGS are worse than newspapers blowing their own trumpers, but for once we have to make an exception. While others have for weeks claimed the glory as the first to tip April 9 as the likely election date, we have re-mained silent. Despite our own advocacy of a May poll, now the date has finally been fixed, remember where you saw the first headline: The Times of November

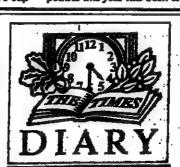
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Sex-potty

FRESH from compiling The Literary Companion to Sex, Fiona Pitt-Kethley flew this week to Istanbul to research her next book: an absorbing guide to the world's 50 top red-light districts.

She seems to have thrown herself into the task strenuously. She was unavailable for comment yesterday, in the backstreets of Istanbul's seedier districts, beyond the reach of the most intrepid reporter. Her agent, Giles Gordon. could be more easily traced in the genteel surroundings of his Doughty Street office. "Fiona feels that red-light districts are under threat from Aids and a new Puritanism. She thinks the tradition

should be preserved." At present she is underwriting



her own research, but she has approached an airline to sponsor her travel costs. Which airline? Virgin Atlantic, of course.

Perhaps we are not such good Europeans after all. The full text of the Maastricht treaty went on sale in Denmark this week, and within hours every copy had which is anticipated to push sales over 300,000 — no small feat for d country of only 5 million. How many copies have been sold in Britain? None, for it has not even officially been printed. No de-mand, says the HMSO.

Now drive on

AS cabinet ministers prepare to hand back the keys of their ministerial Rovers - use forbidden until after the election - at least one of their number will not be sorry to wave goodbye to his ministerial car, not to mention his government chauffeur.

David Hunt, the Welsh secretary, recently played host to John Major on an electioneering visit to the principality. For the secretary of state, it was a great occasion as he welcomed the prime ministerial party on a visit to Fairwater Tory club in the marginal constituency of Cardiff West to support the local candidate, Michael Prior.

All went well until Major's aides indicated to the prime minister that it was time to move on to the next appointment. Unfortunately. no one told Hunt, who is widely regarded as the most anonymous member of the cabinet. After some time it dawned on him that he was overdue at the next port of call in Cardiff Bay.

Rushing out to the car park, he discovered not only that the prime minister's Daimler had disappeared, but that his own official car and driver had gone too, leaving the secretary of state to flag down a passing car to catch up.
"David Hunt was still talking to

party members when they all left Hes handed in



the keys but

claims he's never

seen the car

without him," says Prior, who despite everything, still hopes to welcome the pair back during the election. "This time." says Prior.
"we expect David to stick to the prime minister like a leech."

Tortoise wins prize

THOMAS PAKENHAM, no longer the least known of the literary dynasty which includes sisters Antonia Fraser and Rachel Billington, to say nothing of his parents, Lord and Lady Longford. will today step out of the family shadows to collect the £10,000 W.H. Smith literary award for

Pakenham spent 12 years writ-Pagennam spent 12 years writing his massive tome The Scramble for Africa. "Yes I am terribly slow." he admitted yesterday. "I worked out the other day that in the time it has taken me to produce this book, my two sisters and my father between them have written 26 volumes."

 After the 66-minute hour comes a further example of British Rail's capacity for numerical invention. its new passengers' charter includes a unique method of num-bering which hardly suggests that the trains are about to start run-ning on time. After page six comes page three, followed by page 15, which is opposite page 18. In his preface on page one (rather conventionally, the first page of the document), Sir Bob Reid promises "a fair and satisfactory response if things go wrong". The last page (wisely left unnumbered) declares: "We know we can do better and we will."

Oz's double whammy

WITH Australia almost certainly out of the cricket world cup, Bob Hawke is on his way to Britain to become perhaps the most unlikely reporter on the election. Only weeks after quitting Australian politics. Hawke is due to launch his new career as a commentator on the London station LBC, interviewing British politicians on Michael Parkinson's show.

"I got to know Bob Hawke in Australia," says Parkinson. "Then I was interviewing him and we got on very well, sharing a love of cricket." In the circumstances, he might be well advised to stick to talking politics. ABRIANS D

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LOTA J Ten the Lota Chair to the Control of the Con the second control of So John Major is indeed to ask the country for his first mandate as prime minister on April 9. The date has been a long time in coming, yet suddenly seems so close, No recent prime minister has risked an election ... when not clearly ahead in the opinion polls and when the choice of waiting until a later date remains open. The decision is thus as curious as it is bold.

It is curious because the April date has for some time been controversial within team. The case against "floating" election dates has always been that they give too. much advantage to the ruling party. A prime minister has discretion to orchestrate economic management and "good news" to ensure an opinion poll lead before taking the plunge. The case for May or even June was primarily that the Budget, likely to be a cautious one, would have longer to work through into public perception. The economy might improve: even if it did not, other items could be forced up the agenda as spring passed into summer.

Mr Major has come to treat April 9 as almost beyond his discretion, ordained by some higher power. Events have bounced him into a date for which there has never been a strong case. He has long been reluctant to hint at a later, possibly better. A CONTRACT OF A PROPERTY OF THE PROPERTY OF TH date, because that would suggest his mind was made up. But by appearing to be undecided, he left his party managers, the media and the nation having to assume an early date "just in case". Pre-battle stress has grown to the point where everybody now wants to get it over. Instead of a free choice of date Mr Major found himself "boxed in".

Labour's team was showing signs of flagging earlier in the phoney campaign, but has picked up in the polls and in morale over the past two weeks. It had been quietly praying against a postponement, lest Labour's ability to generate righteous public indignation over health, education and transport began to wilt. The longer the war was extended, the more a government might have marshalled its troops and dictated the

terms of battle. But this is now water under Westminster Bridge. From Mr Major's standpoint, the psychological case for getting on with the fight was clearly strong. Any democratic leader feels vulnerable without a personal election victory under the belt. The prime minister would have been justified in going to the country within a month of taking over from Margaret Thatcher. He would have been equally justified in seeking a mandate immediately after the Gulf war or even, with a certain panache, before Maastricht. He chose none of these options.

Yesterday he said that he wanted to get Maastricht, the community charge and the Budget out of the way. He now wants a vote of personal confidence and sooner rather than later. Whether waiting another eight weeks would make any difference to the Tories' poll rating is one of those imponderables that makes politics more an art than a science.

Much has been made of the prospect of a campaign which is dirty and vacuous. Like crime in the streets, election campaigns always seem to be getting worse. They are not. They have always been raw, squalid affairs, democracy tested close to destruction. This time the prospect is rather of a gentlemanly fight between two individuals not noted for deep malice towards each other - or even towards each other's beliefs - and both

eager to win the respect of the electorate. There are strong differences between the political cultures represented by the parties, which must be discussed in coming weeks. Especially after yesterday's Budget, these differences are not likely to be widely perceived by the electorate. In which case, the outcome will turn as seldom before on Haldane's sensible view: "A democracy has not got a body of definite opinion for the expression of which it seeks delegates; it is an assembly of human beings earnestly seeking guidance from those of whose sympathies it is sure." It is that sympathy, that confidence in sound guidance, that the electorate will be seeking between now and April 9.

CLINTON BREAKS THROUGH

American presidential election to a two-horse race. President Bush, though wounded by the unremitting attacks of Patrick Buchanan, won the Republican primaries in all. 11 states and has amassed 554 delegates, ten times more than his challenger. Bill Clinton, governor of Arkansas, pulled free of the controversies that almost derailed his candidacy and swept his native south. He defeated Paul Tsongas decisively in delegaterich states such as Florida and Texas, and won a total of 747 delegates, more than

double the tally for Mr Tsongas. Barring any spectacular upset, of which American politics always promises a rich store, the November race will pit Mr Bush against Mr Clinton. The latter showed on Tuesday that he was able to fend off the earlier innuendoes of adultery and draftdodging, though he may yet have to face further such assaults. He must now take the debate beyond "character" to exploit the country's general discontent with its president and in particular the management of the economy in recession. He will run on his record as an energetic and innovative governor, who has done much for education, has balanced economic growth against the environment, and has thought hard about how to fund health insurance.

Mr Clinton is a strong campaigner, leading from the right of centre in Democratic politics and eschewing the discredited unionised labour policies and the more extreme lobbies who have so antagonised the American middle class voters. He thus embodies the pragmatism that influential party elders such as Senators Sam Nunn and Charles Robb called for five years ago. In this, his promise is similar to that offered by former president Jimmy Carter when he first emerged from Georgia. Like Mr Carter,

Super Tuesday has briskly reduced the Mr Climon is skilfully building a broad moderate coalition, trading on his good relations with blacks to consolidate his southern base while giving him an entrée into the big northern cities.

On the other hand a broad base can be dangerously diffuse. Mr Tsongas, whose success has come in spite of him being a lone. uncharismatic outsider with a single message of economic prudence, has already nicknamed his rival "Pander Bear" for pandering to too many interest groups. America has often seen candidates so afraid of giving offence that they trim their mes and blur their image until there is little left.

Like Mr Bush, Mr Clinton needs to define his strengths. He has not been in the public eye for long enough to give him any leeway in his campaign, and one serious mistake or primary reverse could bring his momentum to a sudden halt. He must now expect the Bush camp to set all its experienced and increasingly desperate campaign terriers on his heels. Mr Bush will still be too preoccupied to campaign against Mr Clinton by the savaging he is receiving from Mr Buchanan, and could emerge from the Republican convention drained by the next few months of blood-letting. This will give Mr Clinton time at least to consolidate, time that he must use to exploit the weaknesses in the White House.

This election seems similar to that of 1976. A southerner has emerged early on with a party hungry to close ranks. Mr Bush, like Gerald Ford against Ronald Reagan, can fight off the challenge from the right but only at a damaging cost. He is likely to win the nomination. And once past that, if Mr Clinton can now assemble round him the new thinking and best strategists of the Democrats, he will have a serious chance of removing a weakened incumbent.

PRIMATES AND PATRONS

The patronage of an Archbishop of Canter-bury is much sought after in the Church of England. There are more than 400 organisations which look to him for ex-officio, if nominal, support as president or patron. That is too many. He should try disestablishing himself.

Yesterday it became known that the present archbishop, Dr George Carey, had intervened with a respected Church of England publishing company of which he is president, the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge (SPCK), against a proposed prayer book designed for use by homosexual and lesbian Christians. His stated objection is that the inclusion of prayers for Aids victims might imply that Aids is exclusively a homosexual disease. Clearly his intention was to be helpful to homosexuals. By throwing his weight against this publishing venture, however, Dr Carey will have gained bonus points with the church constituencies from which he himself comes, the conservative evangelicals, who tend to be strict against homosexuality.

Many conservative evangelicals have been smarting from his earlier decision not to accept an invitation to be patron of the Church's Ministry Among the Jews (CMJ). One leading evangelical, the Rev Tony Higton, called it "a shameful betrayal" - Dr Carey is regarded by evangelicals as a virtual patron of their own movement. But with the Jewish community in Britain becoming increasingly sensitive about Christian proselytism in its ranks, his acceptance would have been hard to square with his joint pres-

idency of the Council of Christians and Jews. Churchmen are a clubbable breed. The various societies and institutions of the Church of England form a dense clerical

jungle. At the end of Lord Runcie's term as archbishop, those groups under his patronage or presidency ranged from the Ecumeni-cal Society of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Corporation of the Sons of the Clergy to the Religious Drama Society and the Incorporated Church Building Society. But the more there are, the less the honour means, while the more precarious is the balancing act of any multiple president or patron who has to support so many causes at once. Most of them would be no worse off without him. He might be better without them. Dr Carey has wisely decided to review them all, and it was in the course of that review that he came to turn down the patronage of the Ministry Among the Jews.

He told SPCK that disagreement with it over publishing policy could lead to him relinquishing that presidency too. Those who borrow his name must surely accept some obligations towards him in return, including not putting him in a position likely to embarrass him with other church groups: The logic of Dr Carey's position is to sever his SPCK connection now, not to wait for some further disagreement. If it then publishes its

gay prayer book, that is its own affair. Ideally, the only unofficial bodies to which Dr Carey should lend his name and prestige are those where a presidency, though nominal, is a significant statement. He shares the presidency of the Council for Christians and Jews with the Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster, the Moderator of the Free Church Federal Council and the Chief Rabbi of the United Hebrew Congregations. This is an important cause. For the rest, the archbishop's title of Primate of All England is a broad enough umbrella under which they all may find shelter enough.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Minority power in new Parliament

directly attributable to our political

system is to negate the function of

government.

March 9.

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Yours faithfully,

Highfield House,

ANTHONY WIGRAM,

4 Woodfall Street, SW3.

From Mr Humphry Berkeley

Sir, I agree with your arguments

against proportional representation.

not least because no government since 1945 would have received an

overall majority. I hope, however, that you would support the alter-

native vote, a measure of electoral

reform which I have advocated for

Under this system, single-member

constituencies, which you value, are

retained. If three people are stand-

ing, instead of putting a cross on the ballot paper for the preferred can-didate, electors would vote, in order

of preference, by putting against the names of the candidates the figures 1

If the top candidate does not get 50 per cent of the votes cast, those of

the bottom candidate are redistrib-

uted according to preference. This

system is fairer to smaller parties, removes the need for tactical voting.

and means that the winning can-

didate has secured a majority of the

Sir, The central "coalition" argu-

ment of your leader is an illusion

which the writer dispels, perhaps unwittingly. The very fact that "the Tony Marlows and the Dennis

Skinners" can sit so near to such

philosophically distant colleagues for

five years shows that we have de facto

but not de jure coalitions. When the

campaigning starts, everyone dons the rosene of convenience, until

external hostilities are over and

A simpler recipe for ensuring that

MPs have a democratic bond with

their electorate, and that national

parties are not too influential, would

be the replacement of the financial

deposit (introduced for obsolete rea-

sons) by two more relevant criteria: a

candidate would have to be a regis-

tered voter in the constituency, and endorsement by 100 other registered

This would immediately restrict

the machinations of central offices,

37 Cecil Road, Norwich, Norfolk.

internal ones can resume.

Yours faithfully, HUMPHRY BERKELEY,

Three Pages Yard.

From Mr Alan Curnow

Chiswick, W4.

Sir, With the election date set, the debate on proportional representation will clearly warm up. There is at least one contradiction in your leader of March 9, "Out of proportion", to which I must draw your attention.

You argue that the Tory and Labour parties are no longer "deeply divided by ideology and policy", and at the same time that proportional representation would put the Liberal Democrats "in the position of choosing who shall form a government".

But any king-making powers en-joyed by minority parties in hung partiaments arise solely from the mutual hostility of the major parties. If, as has happened in other countries, these come together, the minority parties are left in the cold.

The Tory and Labour parties may

not wish to act in this way; but the decision is entirely theirs. If they decide on the contrary to persist in the politics of confrontation, this will naturally confer influence on minority parties. In this case the country will be fortunate to have, in the Liberal Democrats, a party which can require them to modify or abandon their more extreme policies (such as the poll tax) for which they will have failed to win an electoral mandate

Yours faithfully, CHRISTOPHER MAYHEW, House of Lords. March 11.

From Mr Anthony Wigram

Sir. As the founder of Conservative Action for Electoral Reform and its first chairman, from 1974 to 1986, I was disappointed to read your leader today, arguing against proportional representation.

You say that the two major parties are not now so deeply divided in ideology and policy, although there are "differences of emphasis and technique". This is window-dressing. If elected, the Labour party would dismantle Conservative reforms in education, the National Health Service, industrial relations, taxation and the free market economy which are the core of Conservative achievement over three parliaments.

Your assertion that the present system allows "changes in personnel and fresh air" is surely inaccurate.
The experience of PR is that underrepresented and minority groups, such as women and ethnic minorities, get more representation with PR. It is the first-past-the-post system which ossifies politics and can often leave an MP in place long after he or she should have retired.
Your article fails to address the

central issue of whether Britain has comparison with our European colleagues, all of whom use PR. The answer to this must be no. In all essential areas of government, but particularly in the economic sphere.

on authority, loyalty, conformity.
Losing this battle would have

implications for our own society

which, if not as grave as would have

stemmed from a victory of commun-

ism, would none the less transform

the position of the individual in our

society. If "the last man" is Japanese

rather than American then our grand-

children will lead a very different life from that predicted by Dr Fukuyama.

Sir, In 1947 I was taken on a school

trip to the "Britain Can Make It"

exhibition at the Victoria and Albert

Museum. Star of the show was a

bicycle with power assistance provided by a rechargeable battery ("Sir Clive peddles his electric bicycle", report, March 5).

Yes, Britain can make it. But why

Sir, What better demonstration of

your assertion that the British are

Yours technically, JOHN FAULKER (Chairman).

4 Great Pultency Street, W1.

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may be sent to a fax number

Association of British

Theatre Technicians,

93 Riverview Gardens, SW13.

Electric bicycles

From Mr Tom Ruben

has it taken us 45 years?

From Mr John Faulkner

6 Dene Court, Mount Avenue,

Yours sincerely,

TOM RUBEN.

Ealing, W5.

spark plug?

March 7.

Yours faithfully.

ALAN TOOP.

March 10.

Fukuvama debate

From Mr Alan Toop

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Lord Sutch.

Yours sincerely

Fróm Mr.J. B. da Silva

Sir, I attended last Thursday's Sir. Sir Peter Hall and Ken Taylor Times/ Dillons debate (report, March 6) and heard Dr Francis may have been guilty of some social solecisms in last night's TV produc-Fukuyama confirm his classification tion of The Camomile Lawn, but of Japan as a democracy. This is surely the biggest flaw in his The End Philip Howard ("Above their station", March 6) seems equally adrift. of History and the Last Man thesis.

Before the war the upper classes Far from history ending, the next chapter is likely to be dominated by a did not call napkins servientes but they often kept them in napkin-rings battle for economic and eventually at home. Placing the pudding spoon and fork at the top of the place setting was, I think, not unknown. political supremacy between the Liberal democracies of Western Europe/Northern America, with Dinner jackets were still contheir concept of personal freedom, and the radically dissimilar societies of the Far East with their emphasis ventionally worn with a stiff shirt and, therefore, a stiff stand-up collar.

Soft shirts were beginning to be worn, but the soft shirt with a soft turn-down collar did not make its appearance until the mid-1930s. and then only among the young and more dashing in London.

Sunbathing was not uncommon, and though gents certainly did not take cream in tea they took milk. I remember a colonel of the Grenadiers in 1942 rejecting the offer of condensed milk on the ground that it was "not an officer's milk".

More interesting is the use of the word "bourgeois". Now used by the left as a term of abuse for the upper and middle classes, it was then commonly used by the upper classes as a term of disparagement for the tastes and habits of the middle classes. The equivalent now, I suppose, would be "naff".

JOHN da SILVA, Copse Close, Virginia Water, Surrey. March 6.

Mahogany 'ban'

From Mr Mike Read and

Yours truly.

Sir, The levels of misunderstanding about the proposals to list mahogany on the Convention on International seriously harmed.

uneasy with electricity than your apparent belief (leader, March 5) that an electrical bicycle requires a

Redress for Maxwell pensioners

Britain has lagged behind our From Mr.J. N. H. Whitaker competitors. To deny that this is Sir. Your leader (March 10) Sir. Your leader (March 10) identi- Sir. Your leading article dealt with fies how much stronger is the claim the issue of those pensioners who had for compensation by Maxwell pension fund members than was that by those who suffered in the Barlow Clowes affair. You do not identify. though, how many forces are now working against Maxwell's victims. However much Maxwell hurt the pensioners of his companies, that damage is being increased by the government, the banks who loaned him money and the administrators appointed to his private companies.

The government must be responsible. They set up the control systems which did not work, and which allowed Maxwell to do what he did. Yet, four weeks from an election. neither of the major parties will commit to an assurance of pensioners' benefits. The report of the Commons social security committee is not enough. Neither is Tony Newton's derisory assurance of a guaranteed minimum pension. A promise to restore full benefits is the only thing which will satisfy the many disaffected fund members.

The banks, who loaned money to Maxwell without adequate enquiry on the ownership of the securities he tendered, are also prevaricating. Flowever, they make it clear that they do not feel bound to return those securities to the pension funds. It will be difficult for them to reconcile any retention with their desired image as

responsible institutions.
The National Westminster Bank, for instance, is proud of being a good corporate citizen; of having a low Third World debt; and of being the largest corporate giver to charity in the country. Funding such philan-thropy while disadvantaging British pensioners would not be socially responsible.

The administrators of the Maxwell private companies are preventing pensioners from being creditors of those private companies by winding up the pension funds. If the government activate section 58b of the Social Securities Act — which they have been slow to do - the pension funds would benefit as creditors of the private Maxwell companies. Once wound up they cannot benefit. The only people who do gain are the remaining creditors, who will get a larger payout. The main benefi-ciaries will be the banks.

Many of the pension-fund members face extreme hardship. All of them face large losses through no fault of their own. It is not surprising that many of them feel bitter when the political parties, the banks and the administrators all seem positioned to ensure that damage done by Maxwell affects them for the rest ives. Will any of provide the moral lead?

Yours sincerely, JOHN WHITAKER 1 Bannister Close, Oxford. March II.

· From Mr B. W. Hancock Maxwell's plundering. However, in the light of the recent social security select committee report, many more questions need to be asked about the manner in which certain companies use their ownership of company pension schemes to boost their company's coffers rather than the pensions of those whose funds they

hold in trust. A case in point is the British Coal staff superannuation scheme. When last valued in 1990, the pension fund was worth over £6 billion and declared a surplus of £973 million. Although they are assumed to hold these funds in trust for the benefit of the pensioners, the committee of management, chaired by Sir Norman Siddall, recommended that approximately a third of the surplus should benefit British Coal in the form of a contribution "holiday" until 1997. But the holiday does not apply to the members of the scheme.

More recently, the same committee of management have accepted rule changes to the scheme which will result in up to half of any future surplus automatically being applied for the benefit of British

If the committee are there, as trustees, to safeguard the interests of pensioners and contributors, why are they allowing British Coal to make more money out of its ownership of a pension fund rather than by mining

Yours sincerely, B. W. HANCOCK (General Secretary, South Wales Area), National Association of Colliery Overmen Deputies and Shotfirers. 70 Neville Street. Cardiff, South Glamorgan.

From Mr Robert Rhodes, OC

Sir, In your leading article about the unfortunate Maxwell pensioners, you state that investors in Barlow Clowes were "in part responsible fortheir fate" because of their "greed for high returns".

This is a common misapprehension, which deserves its quietus. Barlow Clowes investors were not greedy. The evidence in the Barlow Clowes trial was to the effect that the rates offered to investors offshore were by no means out of line with offshore rates offered by wholly rep-urable organisations, and were only slightly more than those available from building societies in the UK.

Yours faithfully. ROBERT RHODES, 2 Crown Office Row, Temple, EC4.

March II.

From Mr Ken Taylor

Sir, Philip Howard is wrong. As the screenwriter of The Jewel in the Crown and The Camomile Lawn 1 would not "indignantly deny" that I am upper class. If he insists on these silly labels, my origins are upper-middle class. He is also wrong about the word "randy" which was used to mean exactly what it does today at my public school in 1936.

My sisters, who soaked themselves in Skol and sunbathed on the beach throughout the 1930s, would also be surprised to hear that they were out of period. In Cornwall, as in The Camomile Lawn, gentlemen put cream on their scones — not in their

Social critics advising on correct behaviour among the upper classes in the past should perhaps pay closer attention to television. Yours faithfully,

KEN TAYLOR. Quilkin Cottage, Gwithian, Hayle, Cornwall.

From Mr Raiph Roney

Sir, Philip Howard's otherwise amusing list of "upper class" sole-cisms fails because the majority of the characters are clearly middlers, that is middle to upper-middle class. And he misses a real blooper in The Camomile Lawn, 100. "Other ranks" were not allowed to lunch or dine at the Berkeley or Savoy at the begin-ning of the last war. Yours sincerely,

RALPH RONEY, Seilisdeir, Loch Don, Isle of Mull, Argyll.

in any case not affect trade within the EC but only re-exports.

Dr Simon Lyster

Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) reached new and bizarre heights in the letter from Mr Charles B. Lee and others (March 7) suggesting that the antique trade will be

The CITES proposals on the table are merely for monitoring to ensure that international trade is not detrimental to the species in the wild, which can hardly be considered an unwelcome goal. There is no question of a CITES ban and never has

Moreover, it is highly likely that "worked" timber and wood (and therefore antiques) will be exempted from controls. This is also true of the EC regulation referred to which will

Although the demand for mahogany for fine furniture in the 18th and 19th centuries was a significant cause of forest destruction in the New World, CITES listing need not cause antique owners and dealers to worry about their own future. What many CITES member governments and non-government organisations are trying to do here in Kyoto is to ensure that the present timber trade is going to leave behind healthy forests instead of just expensive furniture. Yours faithfully.

MIKE READ (Fauna and Flora Preservation Society). SIMON LYSTER (World Wide Fund for Nature), 8th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to CITES. Kyoto International Conference Hall. Kyoto, Japan.

Waiting for Disney From Mr David W. Smith

Sir, The Disney organisation have committed a terrible faux pas in siting their latest theme park in Europe. Are they not aware that we Europeans have somewhat differing attitudes to the gentle art of queuing?

One shudders at the prospect of arriving at EuroDisneyland with the projected 30,000 daily visitors and finding the Germans have all got up early and placed a beach towel at the head of every queue, the French are ignoring queues as alien to their culture and the English are seething with suppressed indignation. Yours faithfully,

DAVID SMITH, 21 New King Street, Bath, Avon. March 9.

Power politics

From Mr David Evans

Sir. To those of us brought up on the American side of the Atlantic the provenance of Mr Chris Patten's "double wharmy" (Diary, March 5) presents no puzzle. In the cartoon strip "L'il Abner", widely known there, the hero's mother, Mammy Yokum, is supposed to possess the evil eye, monocular application of which is described as a whammy, binocular as a double whammy. Yours sincerely,

4 Stanford Drive, Abingdon, Oxfordshire.

Nature in the round From Mr Duncan Mackay

Sir, I can almost guarantee that the extraordinary sight (letter, March 9) of six hares running in alternate clockwise and anti-clockwise circles in a field near Sherborne Castle will result in a crop circle on that exact spot later in the year.

It is well known that crop circles occur close to public footpaths, ancient monuments, and, increasingly, in unusual circumstances.

I trust the relevant landowner will kindly assist in fulfilling this prophecy by ploughing up the field, planting cereals in it and keeping Japanese camera crews out of it until the crop is ripe. Yours faithfully.

DUNCAN MACKAY, 18 Brook Street, Twyford, Berkshire. March 9.

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COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

March II: The Rt Hon John Major, MP (Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury had an audience of The Queen today.

General Sir Peter Inge was received by The Queen upon relinquishing his appointment as Commander-in-Chief. British Army of the Rhine, and upon assuming his appointment as Aide-de-Camp General and Chief of the General Staff.

The Baroness Denton of Wakefield was received by The Queen upon her appointment as a Bar-oness in Waiting to Her Majesty. Major the Lord Napier and Ettrick was received by The Queen when Her Majesty con-ferred upon him the honour of Knighthood and invested him with the Insignia of a Knight Commander of the Royal Victorian Order.

torian Order.

By command of The Queen, Mr
Timothy Brooks, Her Majesty's
Lord-Lieutenant for Leicestershire, was present at Royal Air
Force Collessmore this morning
upon the departure of The President of the Italian Republic and
bade farewell in His Excellency on
behalf of Her Majesty behalf of Her Majesty.

The Prince Edward, Trustee, today gave a lunch for The Duke of Edinburgh's Award in of Edinburgh's Award in Buckingham Palace. The Princess Royal, Master, the Worshipful Company of Loriners, this morning attended the Company's Annual Church Ser-

vice at St Lawrence Jewry. London ECJ. Her Royal Highness, Chan-cellor, University of London, this

Service dinner

Cambridge University Air

The International Institute of Biotechnology

Air Marshal Sir John Thomson, Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, RAF Support Command, and Dr P. Mathias, Master of and Of P. Mannas, Master of Downing College, were the principal guests at the Cambridge University Air Squadron's annual dinner held last night in Selwyn College, Squadron Leader B.V. Chimes, Squadron Commander, presided, Sir Alan Cook, Master of Salvan College, Mr. Michael of Selwyn College, Mr Michael Marshall and Air Vice-Marshal D. Cousins, Air Officer Commanding and Commandant RAF College Cranwell, were among others present. Dinner

Holbora Law Society
Mr Ben Gough, President of the
Holborn Law Society, presided at
the annual dinner held last night
at the New Connaught Rooms. The guests included:

The Bests inclided:
The Hester of the Rolls and Dume bissy Donaldson, Lord and Lady Bridge of Flarwick. Lord Templemant. Mr Pastone Fuzz and Lady Gloons, the President of the Law Society and Mrs Ely, the Secrety General of the Law Society Law Box of the Law Society and Mrs Diana and the President of the City of Leaders Law Society and Mrs Diana and the President of the City of Westminster Law Society and Mrs Bensley.

Formal farewell to judge

The Court of Justice of the European Communities has held a formal sitting to mark the departure of Judge Sir Gordon Slynn, of the Court of Justice, and Court of First Instance, and the swearing in of Judge Edward as a Mr Christopher Bellamy, OC. as

March 11: The Duchess of Glouesser, Colonel-in-Calel, the Royal Irish Rangers, today received Colonel Frederick Allen on relinquishing his appointment as Commanding Officer of the 2nd Battalion and Lieutenant-Colonel Robert Grimshaw on assuming

tion Day Ceremony at the Royal Albert Hall, Kensington Gore.

The Princess Royal, President,

the Royal Yachting Association, afterwards attended the Annual

General Meeting and Com-modores' Reception at the Inn on the Park Hotel, London W!

Her Royal Highness, President, the British Knitting and Clothing Export Council, this evening at-

rended the Dawson International Presentation and Dinner at the

Dorchester hotel, London W1.

Mrs Charles Ritchie was in

March II: The Prince of Wales arrived at Royal Air Force

Northolt this afternoon from

Lieutenant Commander Robert

Fraser, RN, was in attendance. His Royal Highness, President, the Royal College of General Practitioners, this evening gave a Dinner at Kensington Palace. The Princess of Wales today opened the Daily Mail's Ideal Home Exhibition at the Earl's Court Exhibition Centre, London SWS.

Wing Commander David Bar-ton, RAF, was in attendance.

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The President. Professor W.G. Haydon-Baillie, donated and presented the annual medal and award to Professor Mare van Montagu, who after delivering the 1942 Medal Lecture, was the guest of honour at the Fellows' Dinner of The International Institute of Biotechnology held last night at The Royal Society.

At this constion Professor M. Alexander, Professor T.E. Burlin, Str Lettle Fowden, FRS. Dr D.J. Air Lesie Fowden, FRS, Dr D.J. Ingram, CBE, Dl., Professor K. Marshall, Professor B. Richards, CBE, Professor K. Struer, Profes sor Z. Vanek and Professor Y. Yamada were admitted to Fellowship. Others present were:

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Coleman, CR. Professor E.B. and Dr J.
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Dr J. Wren.

The Red Maids' School, Bristol

The Governors are pleased to for September 1992: ior Separation 1982; Academic Scholarships (open): Elbis-lech Harvey, The Sed Maide Panior School; Jessita Mandevilla, The Red Maide Justics School. State Form Wilston, Burgaries (o-ternal): Sally Brain, Clare Wobser, Camilla Uther-Clari.

Appeal to Tories over Heveningham

BY JOHN SHAW

The Princess of Wales responds to a deep how from Mathew Macgregor-

the trust and the Emir to

provide a £10million endow-

ment as a gesture of thanks for the allied Eberation of the

Both proposals are being considered, said Mr Ian Richardson, co-ordinator of

the group. The house is in the hands of receivers but in

theory the Swisz company, whose owners or sharehold-

ers are still not known, has

the right to any monies realised on the sale of the proper-

ty over and above the £4million owed to banks.

to the company's solicitor inviting him to ask his clients to abandon their rights in

favour of the trust, thus

clearing the way for a solution

to be implemented. It is the

latest twist in a convoluted

story to try to rectify a position

which has worried conserva-

tionists ever since house be-

Mr Richardson said the action group had also written

country in the Gulf war.

LEADING Conservative politicians have been asked to help secure the future of Heveningham Hall, the di-lapidated Georgian mansion near Halesworth, Suffolk.

They include Mr Chris-Patten, chairman of the Conservative party, Sir Ian Gilmour, Sir Dennis Walters and Lord Chelmer, who were directors of the Gulf Development Company which arranged the sale of the house to a Swiss company in 1981.

They have been asked by local protesters to use their good offices to persuade the owner, ID Investment Development AG, to abandon its legal interest in the property in favour of the National Trust. The Heveningham Action Group says it will speed up the process under which the mansion can be transferred into trust ownership and returned to its eighteenth century condition.

Earlier this year the group asked the United Bank of Britain to be privatised in Kuwait to give the property to 1981.

Award for Holker Hall

garden of the year award for the grounds of Holker Hall, Cark-in-Cartmel, near Grange over-Sands, Cumbria, it was announced yesterday (John Shaw writes).

The award is given in recognition of an outstanding garden that reflects public enjoyment as much as horticultural interest. It will be handed over by the joint sponsors, Christie's and the Historic Houses Association, at Holker on May 8.

The house has remained the property of only three families, all related by mar-riage, since it was built in the reign of James I. The exten-sive formal gardens were laid out in the 1720s.

They have been adapted every since and now consist of 23 acres of formal and woodland layouts in Italianate-English style. They have been visited by 1.5 million people since first being open to the public over 30 years ago. A new formal garden is due to be opened on April 1.

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LORD and Lady Cavendish of Furness have won the 1991

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The Home Secretary, Mr
Kenneth Balar, MP, was the
chief guest last night at a reception held by the members of the
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Forthcoming marriages Sir Antony Atland, diplomat, 62; Dr Glovanni Agnelli, chairman, Fiat Group. 71; Mr R.I.J. Agnew, former chairman, Consolidated Gold Fields, 58; Mr Edward Albee, dramatist. 64; Mr R.E.

The Hon A.N.J. Baring and Miss L.C. Frater

Birthdays today

Alley, artist, 66; Mrs Virginia Bottomley, MP. 44; Mr Norbert Brainin, former leader, Amadeus

Quartet, 69; Sir Geoffrey de Bellaigue, Director of the Royal Collection, 61; Mr Willie

Jones, principal, Trinity College of Music, 64; Mr A.D. Lochnis.

banker, 56; Sir James McKay, former Lord: Provost of Edin-

burgh, 80; Mr David Mellor, QC. MP. 43; Miss Liza Minnelli. actress and singer, 46; Mr David Milinaric, interior designer, 53; the Hou Roland Moyle, former

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The engagement is announced between Alexander, younger son of Lord Ashburton and the Hon Mrs Susan Baring, and Lucy, younger daughter of General Sir David and Lady Fraser.

Mr E.N. Buston and Mine F.H. Shaw

The engagement is announced between Edward, elder son of Mr and Mrs M.G.E.N. Buxton, of Spreynon, Devon, and Flona, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs E.N. Shaw, of Elgin, Moray.

Mr B.D. Cotton and Miss F.A. MacGregor The engagement is announced between Benjamin David, eldest son of Mr and Mrs T. Cotton, of Askets, Buckinghamshire, and Fiona Anne, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs R.A. MacGregor, of nger devehter O

Harpenden, Herrfordshire.

soprano, S5; Mr Paul Way, golfer, 20; Mr David O. Williams, trades unamies, 66; Mr David Wilmot, chief constable, Greater Manchester, 49; Miss Googie

Mr S.P. Fraser
The engagement is announced between Simon Philip, younger son of Mr and Mrs Ian Fraser, of Westhumble, Surrey, and Fiona, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs John Malyan, of Coldharbour, The following Sixth Form and Music Exhibitions have been offered for September 1992.

Mr S.A.R. Greig and Miss T.V. Foreman The engagement is announced between Ben, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Dennis Greig, of Four Elms, Kent, and Tracy Victoria, daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Foreman, of Headcorn, Kent.

Mr M.K. Levi and The Hon Lawra Aithen The engagement is announced between Martin, son of Mr and

Mrs R. Levi, and Laura, daughter of Lady Airken and the late Sir Max Airken. Major T.J. MacLead and Miss F.K.A. Gaty

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The engagement is announced between Major Torquil MacLend, The Black Warch [Royal Highland Regiment), son Major and Mrs J.E.H. MacLend, of Compson Abbas, Dorset, and Fiona, elder daughter of the late Mr Jonathan Gatty, of Popper Arden, North Yorkshire, and of Mrs Valerie Gatty, of Milford-ou-Sea, Hampshire.

engagements

The Queen will hold an investi-ture at Buckingham Palace at

The Princess of Wales, as Patron of Turning Point, will visit the Bedford Centre at Bedford Road, School Centre at School Russ, Ealing, at 10.30; and will visit the St. Christopher's Fellowship project for homeless young people at St. Bernard's Wing, Ealing

The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr and Mrs E.G. Coles, of Prestwood, Buckinghamshire, and Emma, daughter of Mr and Mrs I.W. Little, of Teddington, Middlesex.

Mr R.M. Mose and Miss S.E. Jones The engagement is announced between Robert, younger son of Mr and Mrs J.R. Moss, of Great Missanden Buckinghamshire.

Missenden. Buckinghamshire, and Sara, elder daughter of the late Mr T.E. Jones and of Mrs Jones, of Leyland, Lancashire. Mr R.F. Plane and Miss P.A.J. Tettmar The engagement is announced between Richard, youngest son of Mr Alan Plane, of Regent's Park,

and Mrs Eileen Plane, of Enfield,

and Penny, daughter of Mr and Mrs David Tenmar, of the Barbican, City of London.

Mr T.C. Rogers and Miss J.A. Healey The engagement is announced between Timothy, youngest son of Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs H.S. de N. Rogers, of Woolstone, Oxfordshire, and Janet, daughter of Mr and Mrs J.A. Healey, of

Mr T.J. Shelley and Miss E.J. Dinkeldein The engagement is announced between Timothy James, elder son of Mr and Mrs James Shelley.

of Ramsdell, Hampshire, and Emma Jane, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs David Dinkeldein. of Whitway, Berkshire. Mr M.J.M. Waterkeyn and Miss V.M. Brennan

The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Mr and Mrs Darragh Waterkeyn, of St. Leonards. Hertfordshire, and Virginia, daughter of Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs Michael Brennan, of Painswick.

Marriage

Mr I.M. Tennasi and Mrs J.L. Wesslick The marriage took place yesterday in London of Mr Robert Tennant, son of the late Mr Cecil Tennant and of Mrs Tennant, to Mrs Joanna Wennink, daughter of the Hon Nell and Mrs

Today's royal

Hospital, at 11.25.

The Princest Royal will present the Ritz Club charity trophy at the Chekeaham hunt racing festival az 4.50.

The Duckess of Gloscester, Pa-tron of the London Suzuki Group, will stiend a numert at the French Institute, 17 Queensbury Place, 1307 - 27 200

Church news

The Rev Ian Patrick Martyn Cundy, Wassien of Cranmer Hall, Durham, is be appointed Bishop Suffragan of Lewts, in succession to the Right Rev Peter Ball upon his translation to the Bishopric of Glassesses.

Scotlish Episcopal Church
The Rev Iam Stewart, Priest in
charge of St Martin's, Dundee to
be Roctor of St Mary and St Peter.

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Memorial services

Mr Arthur Gibson A memorial service for Mr Arthur Gibson was held yesterday at St Clement Danes, Strand. The Rev A.T.R. Goods officiated. Mr Howard Webby read Flight by Brian Young. Mr Harry Lea read from the works of William Penn and Mr Andrew Cameron from the works of Canon Henry Scott

Holland. Mr Raymond gave an address. Mr Jalim Miller A service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr Julian Miller was held

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TUGWIELL - On Monday March 9th 1992, peacefully at Burkined Hospital, Christina Gladys, much loved wife of Martin and mother of Davyl. Cernation at Barham, 11 am Thorship March 19th No flowers, donations to the Pügrine Hospice. Canterbary at Arthritis Research, both apecifically requested by C.G.T.

WESTON - On March 10th, peacefully at home, Hear Admiral William, Keaneth Weston, mpel 87. Deer hashmad of Motile, Estima and grandfather Funeral at St. John's, Harthey Wintney, Salurday March 140s, 11.50ers, No flavor please but donations, if desired, to Cancer Retiof Macridian Plant, 15-19 Britism Street, Landon SW3 372.

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for the above-turned Quinpost

life of Mr Julian Miller was held yesterday at the Church of St.-Bombph-without-Bishopsgate. Prebendary Alan Tanner, Chairman of the Haemophilia Society, officiated and Mrs Sarah Reid read from the works of Canon Henry Scott Holland. Prebendary Tanner, Mr John Seagrim and Mr George Christie gave 4th.

and Air Navigators

Air Marshai Sir Denis Crowley-Milling was installed as Master of the Guild of Air Pilots and Air Navigators following the annual meeting held last night at Drapers Hall.

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AGIO TRICHES Authors from page 18 PALTER

(c) To equivocate or play fast and loose, evidently an iterative form like falter, but no suitable primitive word remotely like pair is known in any Indo-European language; Machetic "And be these juggling fluids no more believ"d,/That palter with us in a deadle came?" DOGGERY

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ALTHOUGH he did not achieve the eminence in the achieve the eminence in the callender nevertheless made his own contribution to the language of the jazz bass. Indeed, his penetrating pizzicato was one of the formative influences on Mingus in his early days: the pupil simply absorbed what the master had to offer and strode on to surpass him. That said, Callender was not a man to Callender was not a man to resent the fact that he had placed his own talent at the service of a genius whose subsections and the control of
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He had no need to be. He made his mark as a bassist mark as a bassist. A Reportation and Nat King Cole: was highly regarded among his peers and his rescue of the peers and his rescue of the peers and his rescue of the peers and his rescue. be said tis own niche in the history of the genre. Callender was ver-

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In small groups or in sessions with names across difference sion work with names across Major sends at one end through Charlie Parker to Stevie Wonder at the other, his was a presence Maker sent a spea which always commanded rewhich always commanded rewhich always commanded rewhich always commanded rewhich are specific to the had a number of
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theme tune for the Henry Fonda show, Smith Family.
Although Virginian born.
George Sylvester Callender was brought up in.
Bordentown, New Jersey, where his family had moved when he was a boy. There he studied the alto saxophone, tuba and bass as well as taking tessons in harmony.
While still at high school he joined Banjo Bernie in Adanfor MP may the City and was soon be independed took him to the West Coast while he was still in his teens.

In 1936 he joined Buck

In 1936 he joined Buck Clayton's Harlem Gentlemen mape and in the following year,

(1945), whose somewhat corny (and manifestly low- IN HIS autobiographical the experience of playing in such hallowed company was

not lost on him. Other musicians with whom he played during the period 1936-47 included Les-ter Young, Erroll Garner, Johnny Otis, and Nat King Cole, and he led his own mo from 1944 to 1946. He also recorded with Charlie Parker and in 1955-56 with Art Taturn on the pianist's last al-burns. Callender had two spells in Hawaii in the late Forties where he, again, led

concentrated also on the tuba, helping to transform this instrument's function, from being simply the keeper of the beat in New Orleans marching bands, into the infinitely more subtle one featured in the ambitious modern jazz arrangements of Stan Kenton. Besides playing on records by Kenton, Art Pepper, Billy May, Pearl Bailey and Ray Charles, he also produced his own album, Red Callender Speaks Low, in 1957. In 1959 Callender made his first appearance at the Monterey jazz festival and was back there five years later with Thelonious Monk and

his old pupil. Mingus. Throughout the 1960s and 1970s he was in regular em-ployment as a television staff musician in the Carol Burnett, Sammy Davis and Flip Wilson show orchestras and among his other films were St Louis Blues (1958) the story of W. C. Handy which featured Nat King Cole, Eartha Kitt. Pearl Balley and Ella. Fitzgerald.



Would Sig OBITUARIES EC Social RED CALLENDER PROFESSOR GEORGE SHACKLE

Armstrong, began an Sharman Shackle, econo-association with him which mist, died in Aldehand lasted for a number of years. March 3 aged 88. He was With Armstrong he appeared born in Cambridge on July in the film New Orleans 4, 1903.

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he produced some of the
finest prose in modern economics; it reveals a daving
and original sculptor of ideas, an edectic and ultimately a heresiarch. Shackle was an economist par excellence.

Although a late entrant to

the world of academic economics, having originally worked in a bank and then as a schoolmaster, Shackle Until that point his career the literature of the subject, had been on the bass. But writing 17 books, contributing to 38 other books, and literature of the subject. producing almost 150 papers, review articles and reviews in a career lasting nearly 60 years. This output, although focused on the key issue for Shackle of decision making under conditions of uncertainty, encompassed a wide range of topics and concerns. For example his book. The Years of High Theory: invention and tradition in economic thought, 1929-1939 (1967) represents a compelling study into the growth of knowledge.

While still working as a schoolmaster Shackle acquired an external degree from London University in 1931. He published his first article — Some notes on mon-etary theories of the trade cycle — in 1933. The receipt of a Leverhulme Research Scholarship allowed him to

enter the London School of Economics in 1935, where his supervisor was Friedrich Hayek. His PhD was awarded in 1937 and published in 1938 entitled Expectations, Investment and Income.

During a period at Oxford University Institute of Statistics as research assistant to Henry Phelps Brown he completed the research for a DPhil, which was awarded in 1940. Shackle was appointed to a post at St Andrews in 1939, but the outbreak of the second world war saw him enter government service, initially at the Admiralty and then the Cabinet Office as a member of Churchill's statistical branch. At the end of the war he remained in govern-ment service as a member of

cademic exponents. Barbara Rodgers was the

second daughter of a Wilmilow solkinor. Educated

at Wycombe Abbey and Som-erville College, Oxford (where

she read Modern Greats), she

spent the 1930s travelling

and working in Europe and

becoming immersed in vol-untary social work activities

in Manchester and Salford,

learning at first hand about

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ty experienced by the families

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In 1939 she was appointed

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the economic section of the cabinet secretariat until 1950. During this 11 year period Shackle continued to produce highly original eco-nomic analysis, culminating in the publication in 1949 of Expectation in Economics, the embodiment of the idea that "probability cannot serve the ultimate business of choice," an idea that Shackle later observed occurred to

The central theme of Shackie's work was to be found in his emphasis on the role of expectation in the process of choice. He departed from the manted ranks of his fellow economists by develop-ing a theory that is subjectiv-ist, that places the issues of

him in 1937 while washing

free will and non-determinism at the centre of economic analysis. This philosophical stance meant that Shackle was highly critical of the attempts to make economics a precise, rigorous and tidy science. In developing his own theory of decision under conditions of uncertainty Shackle was increasingly a beresiarch.

In 1950 Shackle returned to academic economics when appointed reader in economic theory at the University of Leeds. In 1951 he was appointed to the Brunner chair f economic science at the University of Liverpool. where he stayed until his re-tirement in 1969, when he was awarded the title of erroritus professor. During his stay at Liverpool he was a member of the council of the Royal Economic Society from 1955-1969. F. de Vries lecturer in 1957, visiting professor at Columbia University in 1957-58, president of Science in 1966 and visiting professor at the University of Pittsburgh in 1967. In the same year he was elected a fellow of the British Academy. In represent Shackle con-

tinued to contribute to the iterature of economics, further developing his subjectiv-ist theory and his critical responses to the methods of mainstream exantames. During the 1970s he produced four new books, while in the 1980s there appeared a series of journal articles, subsequently published in 1988 as Business, Time and Thought. During his retirement there were clear signs that the various skeins of thought in Shackle's analysis were influencing a new cohort of economists.

George Shackle married first, in 1939, Gertrude Couriney Susan Rowe who died in 1978. They had two sons and two daughters, one of whom is deceased. He married, in 1979. Catherine Squarey Gibb.

TONY ABBOTT

Anthony Abbott, MC, RDI, tion, not just convenient bits television and stage designer and former senior designer at the BBC, died on March 10 aged 68. He was born on August 23, 1923.

TONY Abbott was for more than 30 years one of the foremost scenic designers in British television. For over three decades his colleagues in design took strength and example from his vivid talent and innovation. Today's de-signers remember gratefully his huge influence on the small screen. The son of Colonel Albert

Leigh Abbott, Anthony Cecil Abbott was educated at Dulwich College. After the war, during which he served as a captain in the Royal Engineers and won the MC, he studied at the Architectural Association, qualifying ARIBA, and worked for the architects' department of the London County Council for

five years.

Then in 1952 he went to the Middle East to take part in the special commission to design "a new Kuwair". Two years later he decided that television and theatre design were to be his life and he joined the rapidly expanding **BBC** Television Service.

Those were exciting days. The new medium hummed with vitality and enthusiasm. Television drama, until then too often dimissed as a poor relation of stage and cinema, began to establish itself as a

separate art.
Tony Abbott's contribution
to the quality of design in
those formative years cannot
be overestimated. He was surrounded by a band of talented colleagues who set out together to change the whole face and importance of television design. He formed his own group within the design department and at once established it as a centre of innovation and excellence. Don Taylor, a member of that original group, remembers: "Anyone who worked with him was immediately im-proved and increased by his personality. He was a wonderful colleague — he encouraged you, advised you, and then let you get on with your

own thing."
The rapidly expanding television service could scarcely keep up with the ambitious, demands of designers and directors. Money and resources were short and were doled out grudgingly. But Ab-bott knew precisely how to get the most, and the best, out of the bureaucracy. His affectionate nickname - Foxy was partly derived from his uncanny ability to "milk" the system, and obtain what he wanted for himself and his colleagues.

From the first he got his head down and devoted himself to one purpose only good television design. He was determined to make it a major part of drama produc-

of scenery behind the actors to prevent you seeing the studio walls.

In his early years Foxy Ab-bott, like all designers, had to do anything and everything. from talking heads to Benny Hill, from quiz shows to the Billy Cotton Show. But he rapidly established himself as an expert in opera and drama, and he was soon con-stantly in demand by directors and producers. He designed many operas for television: Rigoletto, Faust, La Bohème, Otello, and a memorable Billy Budd. The list of his drama designs reads like a litary of the best of all those early years: The Brothers Karamazov, Out of the Unknown, The Idiot, Ross, Richard II, Rembrandt ... He received many television awards, amongst them the Designer of the Year Award for The Idiot (1964)

and Billy Budd (1966) plus the Pye Award for the Production of the Year for Otello. He also made excursions into the London theatre, especially for John Osborne's plays and his credits included Hotel in Amsterdam, Time

Present, Look Back in Anger (revival) and The Entertainer. He had his own reticences. There was no ambition for the high administrative posts in television; he was content to let the bureaucracy flow past him, as long as it continued to supply him with what he needed. "When they start advertising the big designer jobs, that's when I look round for furniture to hide under." On one occasion Huw Wheldon was conducting a party of visitors round the design department. Word reached Foxy that they were approaching his office, and he promptly dived under the table. Huw Wheldon calmly introduced each member of the group, and ended by saving ... and the chap under the table is the most talented

of them all, Tony Abbott." Abbott was neat and im-maculate in the everyday things of life, but in design he could be completely unconventional. The director arrived at the studio to record the final episode of Crime and Punishment, only to find that there was no set for the important denouement scene between Raskolnikov and the police officer. Asked what had happened to his vital set Tony pointed to an untidy heap of scenery in the corner of the studio. "That's your set," he said. "You show me where you're going to put your cameras, I'll fit it round

Generations of designers will remember Foxy, not just for his special talent, but for his generosity. He would spend endless time advising and helping his fellow designers. He was deeply admired and loved, not just by his colleagues in design, but by all who worked with him.

BARBARA RODGERS the subject areas of social

Barbara Rodgers, OBE, former reader in social administration in the University of Manchester, died on February 48 aged 79. She. was born in Wilmslow, Cheshire, on December 24.

BARBARA Rodgers made a significant contribution to the creation and development of the academic study of social policy and administration. At: Manchester University from 1943 until her retirement in 1973, she rose from special lecturer (part-time) to reader, becoming in the course of her career, one of those staff members familiar to all acaiemics, who, while never holding professorial status, keep departments function-ing efficiently by means of their driving force and administrative skill

Her influence was exerted, through enthusiastic teaching and personal contact, on generations of students and ounger university teachers. The subsequent careers of Munchester students in social work and other caring profes-sions was one of her special ructest studies

Her reputation became firmly established beyond Manchester, particularly in

security and the comparative study of social policies. Out-side the strictly academic she served on wages councils and on the Supplementary Benefits Commission from 1966 In 1975 she was appointed OBE for her work on the commission. Throughout her university teaching career and afterwards, she was actively involved with local voluntary organisations concerned with social care, holding that such involve-ment with the practical effects of policy was required of its

> and special lecturer - a pioneer post which she proceeded to develop with her usual energy and imaginative intelligence. She then joined the staff of the university in 1943. In the department of social administration she met and in 1950 married Brian Rodgers. He died in 1987.

> Barbara Rodgers's interest in the comparative international study of social policy and administration formed the core of her teaching and research. Criticised by some as lacking a strong theoretical perspective, she described her

own work as "constructive description" emphasising the validity of empirical study from which theoretical frameworks might usefully be developed — and distrusting a priori theories in an applied subject emerging into academic respectability. Thorough and scholarly her published work reflected

her personal conviction that social welfare policies were ultimately to be judged by their effect on the daily lives of individuals. It was this intense, warm interest in people - people of all sorts conditions and ages - and her ability to communicate with those lucky enough to meet her, that were the qualities for which Barbara Rodgers will best be remembered.

After her retirement in 1973 her activities increased rather than diminished and her intellectual curiosity remained as keen as ever.

She continued to do research as a member of a team of international experts; the Chester Diocesan Board for Social Responsibility benefited from her knowledge and expertise; leisure interests, especially travel, could be indulged; energy and affection were lavished on a wide and increasing circle of friends.

March 12 ON THIS DAY



Soldier who held out enthrals the Japanese Prom Peter Hazelhurst

Tokyo, March II A former lieutenant in the Japanese Imperial Army, who has been hiding in the jungles of the Philippines since the Second World War, will be second world war, will be given a hero's welcome when he returns to Tokyo tomorrow. Lieutenant Hiroo Onoda,

aged 52, came out of hiding yesterday after his former su-perior officer ordered him to surrender. A former intelligence officer, he remained in hiding in the jungle for 29 years after his war time commander instructed him to carry on fighting even if the Japanese

Army was destroyed.

His futile gesture since the end of the Pacific war comes as a reminder that Japan's tra-ditions of the past, the samurai warrior's sense of honour, still

persists today.
When Lieutenant Onoda walks back into the present he will probably be shocked to find that the constitution of a democratic Japan specifically prohibits old militaristic

In the meantime Japan has been enthralled by the lone rigil, and the rescue, of a man who put duty above everything

While obviously admiring the old soldier's sense of duty, the Japanese have received the news of his return with mixed reactions. The older generation points to the discipline of the past with pride but postwar writers are using the lieutenant as an example to remind the country of the danger of a narrow military education.

Thousands of Japanes crowded around newspaper offices in Tokyo today to see pictures of Lieutenant Onoda, who emerged from the jungle in a self-made military outfit. Manile, March 11 - Lieuten-ant Onoda today received a full pardon from President Marcos the Philippines. He was flown 75 miles from Lubang Island to Manila and listened attentively as President

1974

Marcos, who had fought against the Japanese, welcomed him back into "I have given complete and full pardon to Lieutenant Onoda for whatever violations he might have committed du ing the war until his surrender military authorities last

night," the President declared.
Emperor Hirohito issued a statement in Tokyo, saying he was happy to learn of the

lieutenant's rescue and expressing thanks to the Phil-ippine authorities. Reuter.

117-YEAR-OLD WIDOW From Peter Strafford New York, March 11

The United States Government is still paying out money in pensions to widows and dependent children of soldiers who served in the America Civil War, officials of the Vetday. At the end of February, there were still 257 surviving widows and 234 dependent children who qualified.

The officials were commenting on the news that one of the widows, now aged 117 and living outside Mexico City, had recently become entitled to an increase in her pension...

There are probably not many governments which continue to pay pensions for victims on both sides of a civil war. In fact, it is only since 1958 that the United States Government, which presumably still officially believes that the South was in rebellion, decided to pay pensions to the dependants of Confederate soldiers. Until then, any payments had to come from the southern states

The last surviving veteran of the Civil War, Mr Walter Williams, a Confederate, died in Houston, Texas, in 1959

Health posts Latest wills

Dr Leonard Selwyn Taitz, of Sheffield, South Yorkshire, consultant paediatrician, left es-tate valued at £132,123 net.

Mr Frederick Alfred Kimbrey, of Bramley, Hampshire, left estate valued at £547,031 net. He left E60,000 and his car to personal legatees, £50,000 to the Salvation Army and the residue equally between the Basingstoke Hospice Appeal, Cancer Research Cam-

paign and the RSPCA. Other estates include (net, before tax paid):

Mr Thomas John Holdoway, of Bath, Avon..... E1,533,603. Mr Thomas Philip Kirkpatrick. Rudgwick. West Sussex

£627.222 Mrs Catherine Mary Lokies, of Florence Ada Thompson, of Letchworth, Herts £704.421. Mr Jack Wilmot, of Hathersage, Derbyshire _____£719,622. Mr Robert Philip Barrowes, of

Mr Guy Drummond, of Hale Barus, Greater Manchester £1,458,671.

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Lecture -Institution of Mechanical

Mr Mark Radcliffe, Deputy Director-General of the Confederation of British Industry, presented a lecture held at the Institution of Mechanical En-gineers yesterday. Dr Cecil French presided.

Charity Commission

Seeking a new chief

By RUTH GLEDHILL RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

has implemented the recom-

A NEW chief charity com-The commission investimissioner is being sought to-replace Robin Guthrie, the gates 500 cases at arry one time, ten times the number man who has helped make when Mr Guthrie joined four charities fully accountable for years ago. Much of his time the first time in four centuwas spent travelling the counries. The Home Office will try, talking to charities and begin interviewing soon for trustees, as the commission the job, one of the most prestiimplemented a five-point acgious in the charities field tion plan drawn up in April and which ranks as grade 1988. Where possible withthree within the civil service. out legislation, Mr Guthrie

Mr Guthrie, aged 54, will become director of social and mendations of Sir Philip economic affairs at the Coun-Woodfield's 1987. efficiency cil of Europe. In four years scrutiny. The commission wrote to with the commission, the su-140,000 charities and six out pervisory body for 171,000 charities in England and of ten responded. Mr Guthrie's successor is faced with Wales, he has overseen a reorganisation of the comraising that to 90 per cent, possibly using local voluntary mission, the charities' register and the progress of the new organisation to trace noncharities bill in Parliament responders. The bill will give the commis-Mr Guthrie, who heads

sioners greater powers and 520 staff, said an accurate clarify the duties of trustees. register will be an enormous The commission has carhelp with investigative work. Over the past four years, staff ried out the most comprehensive census of charities ever investigating charities have increased from 14 to 50. Of done, and when the register is up-to-date charities will be 303 inquiries in 1990, 81 required to make annual rewere substantiated and £7.8 million worth of property was turns for the first time. Over safeguarded. The commis-740 charities were removed from the register in 1990, the sion-froze 26 charity bank. highest number so far. ZIMUCE

Mr Guthric was urged by the government to take the job in Europe because of his experience in social affairs. Before joining the commis-sion, as the first chief commissioner to be appointed from outside the civil service, he ran Cambridge House, a settlement for deprived Londoners. He taught simultaneously at a Brixton com prehensive school so that the settlement would not have to pay his salary, and studied part-time for an MSc in social administration.

He said: "I had hoped to stay here longer. I would like to have been here for seven years, not only to initiate these changes but to see them well-established. But with the changes in place, it is possible for me to go."

He predicted a closer interaction between the commission and the voluntary sector. Everyone thinks the commission is going to become this rather tough, supervisory body. Of course we will not allow abuse to go unchecked. But our business is to protect charities and support charity

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: John Aubrey, anti-quary, Piercy, Winshire, 1626: Thomas Arne, composer of "Rule Britannia". London, 1710; John Frederic Daniell, chemist, London, 1790; Sir William Perkin, inventor of artificial dye, London, 1838; Gabriele dye, London, 1838; Gabriele D'Ammunzio, poet, dramatist and Italian nationalist, Pesscara, Italy, 1863; W.H.R. Rivers, anthropologist, Luton, near Chapham, 1864; Kemal Ataturk, president of Turkey 1923-38, Saloniku, 1881; Vaslav Nijinski, bolles dancer and chaptergrapher. ballet dancer and choreographer, Kiev. 1890; Jack Kerouse, nov-Lowell, Massachus

DEATHS: Saint Gregory. Pope 590-604. Rome. 604; Alessandro Magnasco. painter, Genoa. 1749; Sun Yai-Sen. president of the Republic of China. 1911-12, Peking, 1925: Ivor Krenger, financier, the "march king", commined suicide. Paris, 1932. The 30mph speed limit was introduced 1935.

Appointments

Dr Clive Boots, Director of Oxford Polytechnic, to be a memher of the Fulbright Commission. The following to be Chairmen of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fish-eries and Food's new regional panck, from April 1:

Mr Robin Bloomfield (Anglin). Mr Peter Coverdale (North East), Mr John Cyster (South East), Mr David Harper (South Mercia). Mr Stuart Hernington (East Mid-lands), Mr Alan Jackson (Northern). Mr Robert Lawton (Wessex). Sir Peter Mills (South West), Mrs Anne Williams (North Mercia).

Royal Society of Edinburgh

The following have been elected as Fellows of the Royal Society of Ordinary fellows

Edinburgh:

Ordinary fellows

L D Barron, Clasgow Univ. C Bell, Enthewsph Univ. C Shul, Enthewsph Univ. C C Bull, Enthewsph Univ. C Bull, Enthewsph Univ. M House, R Genetics Between Rootin, Middothian; Dr C M Clapperion, Aberdeen Univ. J Crichton-Shuari (Marqueses of Bunk). J Dentes, Strainbyde Univ. M House, R Andrews Univ. Dr D D Edge, Edinburgh Univ. S Girming, Shrington Univ. M House, R Andrews Univ. Dr D O Edge, Edinburgh Univ. R Garrick, The Welr Grotte ple. Glasgow Univ. Dr S C Pry. Athebrach Univ. R Garrick, The Welr Grotte ple. Glasgow Univ. Dr C C Well Counsen, Edinburgh Univ. M House, R House, Dender Univ. N D C Grant, Gasgow Univ. Dr J Howke, Mediot-Wast Univ. M House, Report-Wast Univ. Str. J J Howke, Mediot-Wast Univ. S J J J Lance, Clasgow Univ. Dr J Lane, Dender Univ. Dr D W Mitchin, Castra for Reproductive Biology, Edinburgh: K G Lemaden, Glasgow Univ. Dr J Lane, Dender Univ. Dr D W Mitchin, Castra for Reproductive Biology, Edinburgh: K G Lemaden, Heise-Wast Univ. F W MacChristene, University Department of Medical Cardiology, Royal Informatic, Castra J Marches, Glasgow Univ. Dr J Miller, Edinburgh Univ. Dr J A Miller, Wellcome Foundation, Recircham, Rest; A D Miller, Relinburgh Univ. Dr L Murch, Dr C M Presson, Institute of Virology, Glasgow Univ. Dr L Parridge, Edinburgh Univ. Dr A A Randrick, Edinburgh Univ. J Richmond, School, Milmourit of A Hope Roberton Univ. Dr A A Randrick Univ. Dr A A Randrick Univ. Br A Hope Roberton Univ. C A Vincent, St Andrew Univ. Dr A Hope Roberton Univ. C A Vincent, St Andrew Univ. Dr A Hope Roberton Univ. C A Vincent, St Andrew Univ. Dr A Hope Roberton Univ. C A Vincent, St Andrew Univ. Dr A Hope Roberton Univ. C A Vincent, St Andrew Univ. Dr A Hope Roberton Univ. C A Vincent, St Andrew Univ. Dr A Hope Roberton Univ. C A Vincent, St Andrew Univ. Dr Walkender. St Andrew Univ. Dr Markender. Political Univ. Dr A

Honorary fellows Sir W. Bodimer, Imperial Canter Re-Starch Fund: Sir A Calmeroes, Glasgow Univ; S. MacLean, poet: Sir J. Manter, farmerty Principal, Queen Mary Coll-ces, Jonaton Univ.

Tough new motoring penalties start in July

BY MICHAEL DYNES, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

STIFFER penalties for motoring offences ranging from causing death by dangerous driving to driving without insurance will come into effect on July 1. Christopher Chope, the roads minister, said yes-

Eight new or revised driv-ing offences will be introduced. They are intended to clamp down on bad driving and to ensure that the courts are better able to secure con-victions Mr Chope added that the maximum lines for other categories of offence would be increased from October 1.

The new dangerous driving offences, created by the 1991

Bush over the worst in US race

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because he would be strong in the South and is successfully putting together a coalition of blacks and blue-collar whites, the first Democrat to do so since Robert Kennedy in 1905. Blue-collar white conservatives or the "Reagan Democrats" formed an essential element of the Republicans' last three White House

Fully an eighth of Southern Republican voters on Tuesday said that they would support a Democrat against Mr Bush in November, and in almost every state between a quarter and a third of Republicans voted for Mr Buchanvesterday that he would win back their support.

"I will conduct myself in a way that they will be with me in the fall." he said. "I am trying to conduct myself in such a way as to say 'Look, I understand your feelings on this issue or that but we need your support and we want you, and PS - look at the alternatives over there"." Mr **Bush claimed Super Tuesday** voters had opted for his "experience and leadership".

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Road Traffic Act, will replace the existing reckless driving offences, and introduce a more objective assessment of driver behaviour. The new offences require only that bad driving be demonstrated through its consequences rather than by establishing a driver's intentions

The offence of causing death by dangerous driving will carry a maximum penal ty of five years' imprisonment, a minimum two-year disqualification, mandatory retaking of the driving test, and an unlimited fine. Failing to report an accident carnes a maximum six months' imprisonment, a maximum fine of £5,000 and discretionary disqualification. Driving without insurance can also lead to a £5,000 fine and disqualification.

Road users convicted of

causing death by careless driving under the influence of drink or drugs will face a maximum of five years in prison, a minimum :wo-year disqualification and an unlimited fine. Anyone convicted of causing danger to other road users will face up to seven years' imprisonment and an unlimited fine.

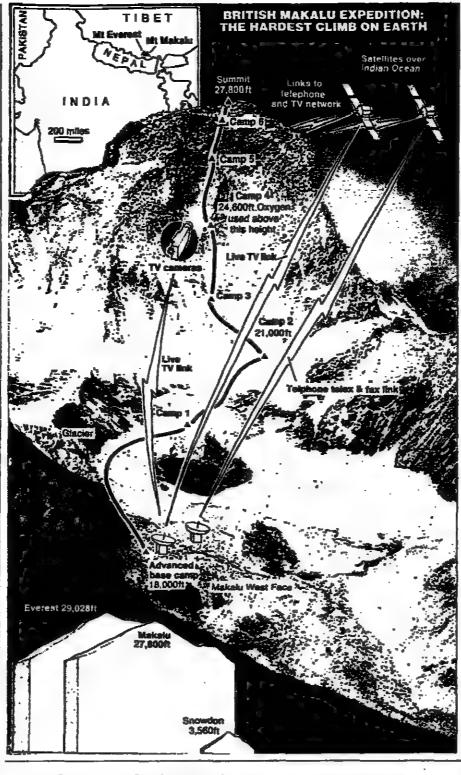
The measures also authorise the widespread use of closed-circut television to monitor speeding and trafficlight offences. They also en-able local authorities to introduce 20mph speed limits outside schools and install traffic calming road humps.

Under the provisions of the 1991 Criminal Justice Act the five levels of maximum fines for motoring offences will be increased from £50 to £200, £100 to £500, £400 to £1,000, £1,000 to £2,500, and £2,000 to £5,000.

Addressing a road safety conference in Bournemouth. Mr Chope said: "Bad driving puts innocent lives at risk and is intolerable. From July 1 offenders not only face imprisonment and a long driving ban, but also a double-length driving test before they are allowed back on the

Malcolm Rifkind, the transport secretary, yesterday launched a survey to discover what motorists want from the national road network.

Rural protection, page 6



Prime minister leaps into the great known

Continued from page 1 camera angle. We waited for the impromptu event, though it was clear that election fever was in the air: you couldn't to tabulate the results. For example, we found that 60 per cent of the waiting press were cold, 30 per cent very cold, and 10 per cent didn't know. It was only a bit of fun. but if repeated nationwide it would mean that several million people were feeling chilly. Finally, Mr Major emerged, I's minutes behind schedule, flanked by Chris Patten. Downing St looked like a spotlit film set. "I can

now confirm ..." What, what? That there would be an election on April 9. Golly,

who would have guessed that? Yes, it was a film set after , but not for Yes, Prime Minister. It was for Butch Cassidy, where Butch and Sundance have been pursued by lawmen to the top of a cliff, cornered, with the river far below them offering the only possible escape. Sundance Patten seems reluctant, and finally confesses he cannot swim. Butch Major is baffled by Sundance's fear of drown ing. Hell, Butch says, laughing, just before they jump off, the fall will probably kill us.

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City jittery as election campaigning opens

Continued from page 1 the election campaign would be the most negative and dirty for many years. He said that the country was facing a "crisis of governability" and that constitutional reform would be at the heart of the election debate. He said Liberal Democrats were looking at a "partnership government, a coalition government'
- not a Lib-Lab pact" to

bring stability to the country.

Mr Ashdown added that the Tories were trapped in a "no man's land" between Thatcherism and "something else". Labour had abandoned its own "haven of socialism"

these heaviest in the north and west and falling as snow in many places, especially on hills. England and Wales will start cloudy with rain, but the colder, showery weather to the north will push south. Showers should reach all but the south-east by late afternoon.

Windy, with gales likely in the north and west. Outlook: cold, windy and showery; snow in Scotland and parts of northern England.

WEATHER

ABROAD

in favour of an "early 1990s

Climbers

aim to

clean up

mountain

By DAVID YOUNG

THE British team attempt-

ing one of the world's most difficult climbs are adding a

little extra to the challenge. They are going to pick up four tonnes of rubbish while they are about it.

The 30 members of the

expedition intent on climbing

the Himalayan mountain

Makahi by its unconquered west face will further add to

their burden by carrying tele-

communications equipment,

which they will use to beam

live pictures of their attempt

Yesterday the expedition members broadcast live from

the lawn of the British ambas-

the Telecom tower in London, simultaneously launching

their challenge and putting their satellite communica-

tions equipment through its

As well as a team of Sher-

pas, the expedition will re-

puire 420 porters to transport the equipment from Nepal to the base camp at the bottom

of the 27,766 ft mountain, 12

miles east of Everest. On the

way back they will use the manpower to clear away all

the detrins left by previous

Live pictures will be sent down the mountain from the

dimbers to the base camp,

whence they will be relayed via the Intelstat Indian

Ocean satellite to the Telecom

satellite earth station at

Goonhilly, They will then travel to the Telecom tower

for broadcast by the BBC, live

on news and features pro-

grammes and on the world

round the world.

first test

PROMITMANT.

DAn ICM poll conducted among 771 adults for Today after the Budget showed little support for the package. More than three quarters felt the Budget did not do enough

to revive the economy.
In a Gallup poll of 512 adults for The Daily Telegraph, 18 per cent said the Budget would increase the likelihood of their voting Tory, and 36 per cent said it would decrease that chance.

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iang ang Northern Ireland

will have sunshine and showers.

AROUND BIRTAIN

Political sketch

Muted fanfare for Lord Major

Anticlimax is hard to Adescribe. When, de-cades hence, elderly MPs gather their grandchildren around their knees at the fireside and the infants ask "Grandpa, were you there when Lord Major went to

the King? "It was the late Queen, then," grandpa will mur-mur, "and Lord Major was

"And did the Duke of Islwyn go too, and what was it like in Parliament that day?"

It will be hard for grandpa to remember. Hard to remember the flat feeling about the House of Commons yesterday after-noon, the absence of any sense of occasion. Questions to the secretary of state for trade and industry were hardly the ideal fanfare to the election of the epoque. The secretary is dry young Peter Lilley. Though Noel Coward's description of an actress friend — "she looks a very old 13" — is hard to forget, one does sense an intellect there.

His three ministerial sidekicks, cool John Redwood, respectful Timothy Sainsbury and spotty Edward Leigh, are eager lieutenants. But this was the Royal Army Pay Corps, not the SAS: and at lunch at Downing street war had been declared.

The adrenalin helped-Lilley accused Labour's trade and industry front bench of being composed "of a TV producer, a psychi-atrist, a social authropologist, a trade union official and a charity worker". A good start: but what did you do in the election.

Grandpa Sainsbury?
It was not easy for Tim Sainsbury, who, should he lose his job as a minister, might usefully be pressed into domestic service as a rather superior sort of butler. He managed to accuse Ron Brown (Leith) of "ad-miring Colonel Gadaffi" an obscure opening skir-mish, but, from Sainsbury, an act of unbridled aggression. And Grandpa Red-wood? Normally a studious boy, he yesterday called Labour's would-be industry minister, Joyce Quin, "wild and silly", enormously flat-

and silly", enormously flat-tering her.

Edward Leigh is always tilting at the Opposition but is wont to get his lance stuck in the nearest tree trunk. "Come on, come on" he chanted at Labour's front bench dancing round front bench, dancing round the dispatch box like an overconfident flyweight.

pal Opposition spokesman. eyed him with cool

disregard What, then, of the Labour benches? I sensed an irritation that they had let the Chancellor get away with a more iffy Budget than he had pretended. Overnight, the City had found defects. Why had they, the Opposition, not had the self-assurance to prick the Chancellor's confidence at the time? Labour MPs had reviewed their own leader's Budget response, lain awake that night and pondered what they would have said. Yesterday some of

them told us.

Why hadn't Neil hit the
Tories harder, mused Mr
Brown to himself? At question 2 came the Gordon
Brown Budget response. punching out the dismal Tory record. Why, won-dered Douglas Henderson. hadn't Neil said more dustry? Yesterday, Mr Henderson's Budget response raised the banner for British metal bashing. The Doug Hoyle Budget re-sponse filled in what Neil had left out about falling investment, the Joyce Quin response chimed in with an argument about the trade

But what all were awaiting was what the Order Paper promised next re-sumption of debate on the John Smith Budget response. There was a feeling in the air of "show him how it's done, John".

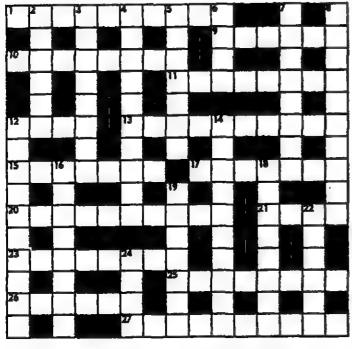
Mr Smith made the latest in his long line of solid speeches. The Tory front bench, led by Mr Lamont. began scurrying round, in-terrupting and trying to trip him up, whispering and drawing each other's attention to bits of paper on which things Smith was alleged to have said in 1985, or whenever, were bighlighted in red and

Mrs Thatcher would not have demeaned herself in this way. It enhances Smith's authority.

Which seldom wavered It was not a great speech: something some sense of supreme command, has gone from the shadow chancellor's performance this year. But it was a good speech. As the evening closed in, there was a dis-cernible sense of nerves steadying on the Labour

MATTHEW PARRIS

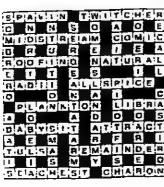
THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 18,864



ACROSS

- 1 I ran across in the middle distance (10) 9 Setting length for race around
- 10 Maesin I put in order, one after another (8)
- 11 Outstanding firesh seen in sword
- 12 Fort that's adversely affected by defiation (4).
- 13 Bursting shells no problem for this flier (10).
- 15 Cage for baby bird, after freedom 17 Puzzline Chinese figures appear-
- ing finally in the yellow press(7) 20 Killjoy's prize left on board (10)
- 21 Servant's name repeated for au-

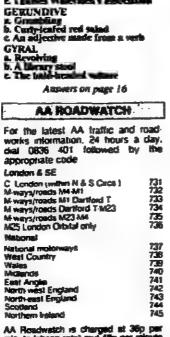
Solution to Puzzle No 18,863



- 23 Stable mount saddled for a rider?
- 25 Drink Scotch if shy (3,5).
- 26 Create rummy card game (6). 27 Traditional performer forges link with new order (4-6).

- Churchman going into cathedral on a regular basis (b).
- One caught in the acrual act of 4 Still having nothing to debate?
- 5 Piper's boy joining musical queen's admirers (3-4).
- 6 Send back from 1 (4). 7 A wrongdoer taking flight (5).
- Runners may come to gnef for gardener (10). 12 Printing worker's kind dog (10).
- 14 Game involving a net and lines, nght" (4,6).
- 16 Unreasonable, serving American in a pub (8). 18 Strategy to include piano in
- Oriental orchestra (4.4).
- 19 Agreed with female member of county set (7).
- 22 Religious female outside a church gets distinction - that's fine (6).
- 24 Information about pitch recorded by scorer (4).

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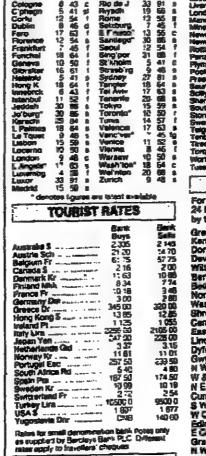


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THE BUSINESS

THURSDAY MARCH 12 1992

lowered. The 0.75 per cent interest rate differential be-

makes it almost impossible

for Mr Lamont to pare Brit-

ish interest rates. Although

Dr Schlesinger cautioned

against attaching too much importance to above-target

money growth in recent

months, most forecasters do

not expect him to ease policy

until the third quarter this

The pound started the day

about a quarter pfennig

DM2.8721, but remained

stuck at the bottom of the

European exchange-rate mechanism. At the official

London close at 4pm, it was

virtually unchanged at DM2.8716. Feats of concert-

ed central bank action to

push down the dollar allowed

the pound to rise nearly three

quarters of a cent to \$1.7257.

This boosted sterling's trade-

Gerard Lyons, chief econo-

weighted index 0.2 to 90.3.

mist at DKB International,

said the government's failure

to produce a Budget to kick-

start the economy and en-hance its re-election chances

left sterling looking "rather

sickly". Despite Mr Lamont's com-

ments about the risk in alter-

ing interest rates, he made

clear he would not feel bound

by protocol. Treasury officials earlier suggested that conven-

tion would not normally allow

interest rate cuts in the pre-

drid publishes its February

inflation figures today, could

allow Mr Lamont to sanction

a British base-rate cut, were

given little credence in

London. A weaker peseta

would give sterling more

room to fall within its ERM

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Share prospects, page 23 Market plustimets, page 22

There are six other big reve-

nue losses in the Treasury's

red book. The cut in car tax costs £0.7 billion. Stamp

duty receipts are £1.1 billion

lower, due partly to the relief

announced before Christ-mas, but mostly to a gloomy

assessment of the housing

market. Business rates bring in £0.7 billion less. Poll tax

collections fall short by £0.5 billion. Interest and dividend

receipts are £0.4 billion low-

er. Finally, there is a drop of

ceipts" - mainly accounting

adjustments connected with unfunded public sector pen-

sions. In total, these six

items add up to £4.4 billion.

Adding on the 23.5 billion shortfall in income tax, nat-

ional insurance and corpora-

tion tax, produces a total gap

of £7.9 billion between the

revenues in the Red Book

and the Green Budget. This

is partly offset by £0.9 billion

of gains from higher indirect taxes and excise duties.

Eight page supplement

Speculation that a Spanish

election period.

Budget and election take toll of markets

Shares suffer

biggest fall for

seven months

BY MICHAEL CLARK AND COLIN NARBROUGH

sharply lower to defend their

light yesterday, with only 554

million shares changing

hands but brokers gave warn-

ing that conditions are ex-

Bob Semple, market strate-

gist at County NatWest WoodMac, said: "It depends

on the opinion polls. In the

last three elections the Con-

servatives had a big lead over

Labour. We knew who was going to win. This time it looks like Labour is going to

win. If that turns out to be the

case, the market could fall by

10 per cent."
Brian Tarrel, head of mar-

ket-making at BZW, said: "Further volatility can be ex-

pected, but we are getting near the 2500 level which just

recently has been seen as a

support level. There is still

some value left in this

research at Houre Govern

said: "This week's events have

focused peoples' minds on the election and already the mar-

ket has gone someway to pre-

empting a Labour victory, or even a hung parliament." However, he added that in-

vestors should brace them-

selves for a rough ride. Helmut Schlesinger, the

Bundesbank president, rein-

forced market sentiment about base rates by making

clear he still sees no chance of

German interest rates being

The £28bn question ...

Anatole Kaletsky

looks at the £8bn

gap between the

revenues in the

Red Book and

Green Budget

public spending was the same in the Budget as in the

autumn statement and in the

IFS forecast. After the £2.2

billion in extra spending, a difference of £7 billion re-

The bulk of this — £2.5 billion — is due to a shortfall

in income tax. Given that the

Budget cut income tax by a net £1.5 billion, there is a

further shortfall of EI billion

due to the depth of the reces-

sion. The IFS assumed 1.6

per cent growth this year,

against the Treasury's fore-

cast of 0.8 per cent. National

Insurance contributions are

£0.7 billion lower and corporation tax is £0.3 billion

mains on the revenue side.

FALL AS

ELECTION CALLED

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Nigel Hugh-Smith, head of

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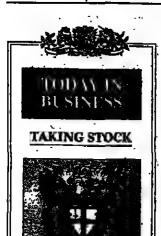
pected to remain volatile.

Selling pressure remained

positions and deter sellers.

BUSINESS EDITOR JOHN BELL

Bank



The pressure on government finances in the life of the next parliament, whichever party is in power, will dictate the shape of private portfolios

SHARE prices suffered

their biggest one-day fall

for seven months and gov-

ernment bonds fell sharp-

ly as April 9 was

confirmed as the day the

country goes to the polls.

The City continued to ex-press disappointment with the Chancellor's Budget and

began facing up to the uncer-

tainty caused by an election

campaign. The FT-SE 100

index tumbled 52.4 to

2,522.4, its biggest one-day loss since "Red Monday" on August 19, when it fell 80

points in response to the abor-

tive overthrow of President

Government securities also

fell more than £1 at the longer

end as dealers continued to reflect on the Chancellor's de-

cision to increase the public

sector borrowing require-ment target for 1992/3 to £28 billion. This, they say, effect-

ively rules out any prospect of an early cut in interest rates

needed to help revive the

economy. Norman Lamont.

the Chancellor, said that any

alteration in interest rates

during the campaign would be a "quite high risk" move.

The election day announce-

ment came as no surprise to

foreign exchange dealers con-

vinced by the poor reception given to Tuesday's Budget that an early base rate reduc-tion was all but ruled out.

Marker makers went on the

WHO got it wrong — the Treasury or the City? That

was the question on the minds of all investors in gilts

yesterday, as the financial markets reacted to the stag-

gering public sector borrov

ing requirement of £28 billion announced by Norman Lamont in the Budget.

On the eve of the Budget, the City's average PSBR esti-mate was £24 billion, accord-

ing to MMS International.

the financial research group.

One answer rests in com-paring the Budget Red Book with the authoritative Green

Budget produced in January by the Institute for Fiscal

Studies. The IFS forecast a PSBR of £19.5 billion — £9.2

below the Chancellor's figure (after allowing for £600 mil-

lion of foreign borrowing ex-

Of this difference, £1 bil-

lion comes from excess

spending by local authorities

and a further £1.2 billion

from higher estimates of debt interest payments. All

cluded from the PSBR).

JOB CUTS

T&N, the engineer, is to cut a further 1,500 from its workforce, half of them Page 21

TAXING



Relations between accountants and the Inland Revenue have improved, despite a spate Of Arrests Accountancy, page 27

BTG SOLD

British Technology Group has been sold for £28 million to a consortium led by the group's management Page 21

RISING STANDARD



Rodney Galpin revealed a profits recovery at Standard Chartered Bank of 37 per cent to £205 Tempos, page 22

THE POUND US dollar 1.7257 (+0.0070) German mark 2.8716 (+0.0019) Exchange index 90.3 (+0.2)

Bank of England official close (4pm) STOCK MARKET

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INVESTORS are not to be given any more information on the amount of commission paid to salesmen at the point of sale if proposals and draft rules published by the Securities and Investments Board yesterday go ahead.

By LINDSAY COOK

Consultation Paper 60 on Disclosure, Polarisation and Standards of Advice states: "The fact is that commission is the price paid by the product company for the introduction of business to it. and reflects the value to that company of the business introduced rather than the value of the advice given to the

The commission is ultimately borne by the customers of the companies, says the paper, but that does not warrant the extension of disclosure. Currently, cli-

Commissions to remain secret ents are told in the buyers' guide that they can ask independent financial advisors how much they will earn from a sale, while the reduction in the yield of an investment is also given to the customers of independents in the cancellation documents sent after the sale has

been agreed. Customers will be told as part of the sales brochure what effect the expenses will have on a policy over its full course. To give this information, companies will take a standard investment projection and then state how much it will be reduced by the costs. Typically, on a 25-year policy, this would cut the final payour by 14p in the pound. The fall in investment return will also be given. In the case of 14p in the pound, this would

also be a 1 per cent drop in yield. The surrender values will be given for the first five years of a policy and if these

do not equal the amount paid in by the end of five years, the year in which this is achieved will also be given. The Association of British Insurers said the SIB plans could confuse investors, and the cut in maturity proceeds was "an unreal concept which has not been adopted for

any other type of savings vehicle." The association said it was disappointed that the SIB still refused to accept the importance of up-front commissions disclosure. However, Jean Eaglesham, head of money policy, said: "For the first time, potential investors will be told in terms of pence per pound exactly how much they will have to pay for a financial product. Life companies will be forced to show the often appailing amounts investors will get if they cash in a policy early,"

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Lloyd's denies shortfall claims

central fund.

Lloyd's said many of the

liabilities included in the S&P

calculation of the shortfall

would not become due for

payment for many years. "It is therefore false to infer that

Lloyd's faces a 'liquidity crisis'

by comparing total liabilities

stretching into the future,

with the cash immediately

available." Names' funds at

Lloyd's stand at £4.7 billion

and Lloyd's total declared re-

sources are estimated at £18

By Jonathan Prynn

DAVID Coleridge, chairman funds to meet insurance of Lloyd's, has attacked a claims, the market's expected report from a leading credit capital shortfall of £1.2 billion Lloyd's may be in the throes of a liquidity crisis, and which advises policyholders to examine the financial strength of individual syndicates underwriting the policies.

The report, by Standard & Poor's, argued that Lloyd's faced short-term capital adequacy and liquidity problems because of the size of the cash calls hitting names and because of litigation aimed at preventing Lloyd's from drawing down on names' deposits. It comes at a particularly sensitive time for Lloyd's, when policyholders are increasingly questioning the financial strength of the market after recent adverse

publicity over names' losses. Mr Coleridge said: "I deplore the action of a respected and responsible organisation such as S&P in issuing a misleading and potentially damaging statement I am much encouraged by the continued support being shown by producers of Lloyd's business and by policyholders

throughout the world." Stuart Shipperlee, an analyst with Standard & Poor's in needed to resolve its shortterm problems "pretty quick-ly" if it was to be in a position to implement the "excellent" Rowland task force report. The market needed to harness its aggregate capital strength, he said, by building up the central fund, which acts as a back-up for names who cannot pay their losses, and which currently stands at about £500 million.

S&P pointed out that if names were successful in legal attempts to prevent Lloyd's from using names'

under fire over BANKING CORRESPONDENT

AN all-party committee of MPs has attacked the Bank of England's handling of the Bank of Credit and Commerce International collapse and called for an overhaul of international banking rules. The Treasury select committee yesterday published its report into the BCCI affair which denounced the Bank

BY NEIL BENNETT

for taking so long to close BCCI despite the mounting evidence of fraud and mismanagement in earlier years. The committee also attacked Price Waterhouse, BCCI's auditor, for making "inade-quate disclosures" about the bank's financial position in the 1989 accounts. "The integrity of the audit statement rested only on a short note to the accounts. The interests of the depositors were not well served," the report says.

A minority report, by Brian Sedgemore and other Labour members, accuses Robin Leigh-Pemberton, the Bank's governor, of "grossest negligence" for not closing the bank in 1985 when fraud was detected. It also claims John Major, as Chancellor, was "in dereliction of duty" for not closing BCCI.

The main report agrees that the Bank had no option but to close BCCI in July last year, but argues that it should have taken action earlier. "The Bank throughout 1990 and early 1991 continued to rely on the strength of Abu Dhabl's financial commitments. In retrospect this was contrary to the interests of potential depositors." The committee also con-

demns the Bank's support for an "ineffective" international college of regulators to watch BCCl in 1987. "We do not understand why BCCI should have been the only bank in the world to be given such preferential treatment," it states. The MPs recommend that the Basle Concordat, the international banking agree ment, should be revised to ensure every bank has a lead regulator and that the Bank for International Settlements should in future monitor world regulatory standards.

Mr Leigh-Pemberton said: "I don't have to apologise. We did our best for depositors. The fact that we failed is the fault of the bank to which they committed their money."

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Meet a new breed of businessman.

Match point: Alan

Jackson (above), chief executive of BTR Group,

which last November won its El.5 billion takeover

battle for Hawker Siddeley,

acquisition is set to make a

significant contribution to the group's 1992 profits.

says integration of Hawker Siddeley is going

well, and that the new

The group's pre-tax

emfits in the year ende

million (£945 million) or

unchanged sales of £6.74 billion despite difficult

Mr Jackson yesterday dismissed market

might return to his native

Australia. "I am not dead. My job at BTR is

suggestions that he

(Tempus, page 22).

trading. But a higher final dividend of 9p (8.75p) is declared, making 16.5p

December were £917

(15.75p) a share.

(They're called miners.)

You may not think our workforce has much in common with Sir John Harvey-Jones, but as far as we're concerned, they've got as much to offer. Their attitude has helped to more than double productivity in just five years. It also put us into profit last year.

By encouraging everyone to contribute to building our success, we are now making the most of one of Britain's most powerful assets. And everything we do is aimed at giving our customers a better deal. One of our businessmen summed it up rather well: 'We are tapping the richest seam of all - the hidden talents of our workforce.



THE EMERGY TO SUCCESS

Poultry influx drags down Hillsdown

By GILLIAN BOWDITCH

chickens into the British market coupled with the lowest prices for poultry since 1983 led to a 5.2 per cent decline in operating profits, to £232 million, last year at Hillsdown Holdings, Britain's fourth

largest food company. Chicken prices fell 20 per cent in 1991 and are unlikely to recover completely this year. Since the year end Hillsdown has bought the entire poultry interests of Unigate, its main British rival, giving it 21 per cent of the UK poultry market.

Sir Harry Solomon. Hillsdown's chairman, is refusing to say how much the group may save by amalgamating the two businesses or how many jobs are likely to go. But the acquisition of Unigate gives Hillsdown valuable processing facilities for the European market where specifi-

cations differ from the UK.
In 1991, profits from the
poultry business fell 55.7 per
cent to £26.3 million on sales up 7 per cent to £824 million. Operating margins for poul-try fell from 7.7 per cent to

3.2 per cent. Overall, the group saw pre-tax profits fall 2.3 per cent to £187 million on turnover up 10.5 per cent at £4.66 billion. The interest charge fell 15.8 per cent to £44.9 million.

AN INFLUX of French There was an extraordinary charge of £19.8 million from the loss on discontinued oper-

ations less the profit from the sale of Wickes shares. Fully diluted earnings per share fell 13.5 per cent to 21.1p and the final dividend of 6.6p makes 8.8p for the year, an increase of 10 per cent. The shares rose op to 175p and are still below Oc-

tober's rights price of 210p.

The food processing business increased profits by 16.5 per cent to £137 million with salads and sandwiches in the UK performing well. The Canadian business also performed particularly well. Profits from the meat businesses rose 12.3 per cent to

Sir Harry said the group planned to dispose of its pe-ripheral businesses and concentrate on food, which accounts for 84 per cent of the accounts for 34 per cent of the group's profits. The furniture division saw profits fall by 9.6 per cent to £15.1 million and housebuilding, property trading and specialist operations saw profits fall by 2.3 per cent to £25.5 million. The housebuilding division is to be flouted on the stock market when conditions improve.

when conditions improve. The rights issue has reduced the groups gearing ra-tio from 71.6 per cent to 12.4

Sales

Profit before tax

Earnings per share

Dividends per share

Vimto pours scorn on recession



Bottle fed: Simon Nichols (left) and Geoffrey Adkin, of JN Nichols, yesterday

As steady as BTR

1991 Year End Results

BTR plc, SILVERTOWN HOUSE, VINCENT SQUARE, LONDON SWIP 2PL, TELEPHONE: 071-834 3848

1990 figures have been restated to include corporate activities on a basis comparable with 1991

1991

£6,742 m

£917 m

31.5p

16.5p

1990

£6,742 m

£945 m

30.8p

15.75p

By PHILIP PANGALOS JN NICHOLS (Vimto), the Manchester soft drinks group, has bucked the trend with an 8.5 per cent advance in full-year profits despite the recession and poor

Vinto's "life-enriching" properties are still being largely appreciated by those in the North-West, Scotland and the Midiands, and pre-

and the Midlands, and pre-tax profit increased to £7.71 million (£7.1 million) in the year to end-December. Simon Nichols, the finance director, said the improve-ment came despite a 5.6 per cent fall in annual turnover to £47 million, resulting from a shortfall in contract canning work. Turnover in can-ning, mainly for Coca-Cola, fell almost 66 million. However, group margins im-proved as higher margin business replaced canning

Exports grew 25 per cent to about 65 million, with the majority of overseas sales, mainly in the form of drink concentrates, going to the Middle East and Africa.

Middle East and Africa.

Mr Nichols said Cabana
Soft Drinks, whose products
go mainly to the licensed
trade, did well in a difficult
market, while Nichols Foods,
which supplies ingredients
for vending machines, had "a
pretty good year."
Shareholders will benefit
from a final dividend of 7.7p
a share, against 6.7p last
time, making an improved
total of 12.3p for the year,
against 11p previously.
Earnings advanced from
28.5p to 32.6p a share.
Interest receivable jumped
86 per cent to 6643,000, with
year-end cash standing at year-end cash standing at £6.5 million. Shares in the group, where Geoffrey Adkin is non-executive chairman, rose 9p to 344p.

Withdrawal costs Willis Corroon £55.9m

BY JONATEAN PRYNN

WILLIS Corpon, the Anglo American insurance broking group, has provided £55.9 million against the cost of withdrawing from its underwriting operations in the UK.

The charge, taken below: the line as an extraordinary nem, provided for known and house claims and the cost of

handling them. The opera-tions of the UK underwriting subsidiary. Sovereign, were wound down last year. However, the provision was largely offset by tax credits on

disposais and the net charge was only £7.8 million. UK underwriting made an oper-ating loss of £5.6 million last withdraw from the sector was made. Overall underwriting profits were £10.5 million, including the contribution from North American insur-

Group profits before tax for the year to end-December 1991 were £96.1 million, up 18 per cent on 1990. The 1991 figures are the first to include a full year's contribution from Corroon & Black, the American insurer with which Willis Faber merged in 1990. If the 1991 figures are compared with the combined Willis Faber and Corroon & Black results in 1990 on a pro

forma basis, pre-tax profits fell 8 per cent. Earnings per share de-clined 5 per cent to 15.8p. The dividend is maintained at 13.2p and the group has declared a first interim payment for 1992 of 3.3p. Brokerage and fee revenue from the core broking and consulting activities rose 7

per cent Gas go-ahead

John Wakeham, the energy secretary, has approved con-struction of two combined-

cycle, gas-fired power stations (CCGTs), on the Isle of Grain, Kent, and at Spondon, Derbyshire, with total generating capacity of almost 1,000 megawatts. Two more applications may be approved before a clampdown is im-posed on CCGT building.

Half-time loss

Rentaminster, the employment and training services company, reports a pre-tax loss of £545,000 for the six months to end-December (£13,000 profit) and an ex-traordinary loss of £225,000 on the disposal of property interests. Again, there is no interim dividend.

Founder goes

Michael Hunter chose Budget day to announce his departure from the board of HunterPrint, where he was formerly chairman. Mr Hunter, founder of the company, lost day-to-day control of the company in 1990.

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Vice-chairman of Slough Estates leaves

SHARES in Slough Estates, the property group, fell 20p to 177p on the news that Graeme Elliot, its executive vice-chairman, was leaving by "mutual agreement". The market was unsettled by the timing of the announcement, which comes just a fortnight before the company reports its 1991 results. Sir Nigel Mobbs, chairman and chief executive, admitted that Mr Elliot's departure was a boardroom redundancy, reflecting the decline in the property market.

Mr Elliot joined Slough in 1985 from RTZ. Sir Nigel said lawyers were discussing the terms on which Mr Elliot's rolling, three-year contract, worth about £175,000 a year

lawyers were discussing the terms on which Mr Elliot's rolling, three-year contract, worth about £175,000 a year, would be terminated. The position of vice-chairman will become non-executive and will be filled by Paul Orchard-Lisle, a non-executive director. Derek Wilson, finance director, and Roger Carey, director responsible for UK development, will become joint managing directors.

Everest profits climb

STRONG demand for frozen chips lifted profits at Everest
Foods, the specialist food producer and wholesaler, from
£1.47 million before tax to £1.78 million in the six months to the end of November. Earnings were 11.7p a share, up from 9.55p. The imerim dividend is unchanged at 2.2p a share, as indicated with November's £3.95 million share issue, which coincided with the company's graduation from the Unlisted Securities Market to a full listing. Chip production benefited from the award of large new accounts.

Scholes Group falls

SCHOLES Group, the electrical products concern, is maintaining its interim dividend at 1.6p a share despite a fall in pre-tax profits to £916,000 (£2.25 million) in the six months to end-December. Earnings were 1.7p a share against 3.9p. The decline in taxable profits would have been worse but for a £445,000 saving in interest costs after efforts to cut net borrowings through cash control. Gearing was 22 per cent (56 per cent) and the interest charge was £541,000 (£958,000). Turnover was £29.55 million (£33.94 million).

Rentokil in Japan

RENTOKIL Group is expanding into Japan by paying Wellcome £5.5 million for a 49 per cent share in Nippon Calmic, a Japanese joint venture. Rentokil's partner is Kyoritsu Shoji Co, a veterinary pharmaceutical company. Nippon Calmic made pre-tax profits of 310 million yen (£1.36 million) in the year to end-May. Clive Thompson, Rentokil's chief executive, said the deal represented an "outstanding opportunity to develop environmental services in Japan".

Bullers curbs losses

BULLERS, the giftware manufacturer that recently announced a rescue debt-for-equity swap and disposals as part of a capital reconstruction, reduced full-year losses for 1991. It cut pre-tax losses to £2.56 million (£4.77 million loss). The loss per share is trimmed to 6.48p from 12.72p. Once again, there is no dividend. The company said the recent disposals and capital reconstruction create a climate from which to move forward. Bullers announced the resignation of Brian Schnelder as chief executive.

Bayer pegs payout

BAYER, the German chemical company, surprised the markets by leaving its dividend unchanged at DM13, despite a drop in profits. The decision came after BASF and Hoechst, its two German competitors, cut their dividends from DM13 to DM12 on Tuesday. Pre-tax profits at Bayer fell 5 per cent to DM3.2 billion, after falling 18 per cent in 1990. Net profits were down from DM1.9 billion to DM 1.85 billion, with sales up from DM41.6 billion to DM 42.4 billion.

Woodchester buys

WOODCHESTER Investments, the Irish financial services group 45 per cent owned by Credit Lyonnais, has completed its long-expected acquisition of UDT First Southern from Hill Samuel for IrE23.4 million (E21.9 m Woodchester had been in negotiations to purchase UDT First Southern, a credit, leasing and banking group, since late last year. The merger between UDT First Southern and Woodchester Bank will will make Woodchester Ireland's fourth largest private sector bank.

Marling director goes

MARLING Industries, the industrial textile and vehicle body manufacturer, said that Aad van Adrichem was resigning as group operations director to pursue other interests. Peter Held, chairman, said the departure was unrelated to Tuesday's announcement that the company would report a pre-tax loss for the year to end-March (£3.6 million profit). He said a reorganisation of the company meant that Mr van Adrichem's post no longer existed. The shares, which fell 29p on Monday, were unchanged at 67p.

BWD leaps 140%

BWD Securities, the Huddersfield financial services group quoted on the USM, announced pre-tax profits for the year to end-November up more than 140 per cent to £2.07 million. The company said it had benefited from additional revenues created by recent privatisations but had also seen a rise in recurring fee income to £1.2 million (£900,000). Turnover was £10.04 million (£7.85 million). BWD Rensburg, the core stockbroking subsidiary, increased profits. A final dividend of 1.7p (0.75p) makes 3p (1.75p).

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End of British Gas monopoly dashes hopes of price cuts

gas prices next month were dashed yesterday after British Gas agreed to surrender its gas monopoly.

Ron Probert, the managing director of gas supply, said British Gas would be bound by a commitment to alter prices by inflation minus 5 per cent. However, dearer gas purchases, which can be passed on under a complex price control formula, would prevent any cut for consum-ers. Domestic customers could see reductions later in the year if inflation remained low, he added.

Mr Probert's warning on prices followed agreement beween British Gas and the Office of Fair Trading on measures to separate the company's gas transmission business and give up all but

THE European Commission

has reopened its enquiry into

the £44.4 million of "sweeten-

ers" given to British Aero-

space by the government in 1988 to belp it take over

The move shows how com-

mitted Sir Leon Brittan, the

European Community com-

petition commissioner, is to

winning the case after it was

thrown out by the European

Court of Justice last month. It

also dispels lingering suspi

cions that he would delay the

commission's decision on

Rover to spare the govern-

ment embarrassment during

Sir Leon's state aid investi-

DTI tells

Gillette to

BY OUR CITY STAFF

THE Department of Trade and Industry is giving Gil-lette six months to sell its

interest in Wilkinson Sword,

its main competitor in the

The trade department said

that, despite lengthy negotia-tions with Gillette, the Office

of Fair Trading had been

unable to secure satisfactory

undertakings that would

remedy the adverse effects on'

competition that the Monop-

sion concluded might be expected from Gillette's in-

volvement in Eemland, Wil-

Following the MMC re-port, published a year ago. Gillette was asked to dispose

of its interests as a shareholder and creditor in Swedish

Match (now Eemland). Gil-

lette became a large share-holder in Eemland in March

1990. Gillette is the largest

supplier of razors and razor

blades to most of the world's

proceed by an order.

Chief resigns

Sinclair Thomson, for six

years chief executive of Hep-

worth, the building materials

group, has resigned suddenly because of ill health. His

replacement is John Carter,

previously managing director of the building products divi-sion and a board member

since 1988. Hepworth is due

The DTI now says it will

kinson's parent.

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Rover Group.

HOPES of a cut in household 40 per cent of the commercial and industrial tariff gas

markets. The deal, struck more than two months later than expected. should see development of real competition to supply all but household and small business customers using less than 25,000 therms of gas a year by 1996. Mr Probert said it was likely to cost Brit-ish Gas £100 million a year in

It will also leave the com-pany under threat of a reference to the monopolies commission for the next four years should it default on undertakings to the OFT. Even so, a renewed round of skirmishes over prices with Ofgas, the gas industry regulator, and consumer groups

The transition to compen-

government helped BAe by allowing it to defer payment

for Rover, and that it covered-

the company's legal and ad-ministrative costs in the take-over. When it was originally

told of the proposed pur-chase the commission limit-

ed to \$469 million the max-

imum aid the government could give BAc. Most went in

writing off the then loss-mak-

However, the court ruled

last month that BAe did not

have to repay the money because the commission had

exceeded its powers in simply

demanding that the govern-

ment reclaim it. The court

said the commission should

have allowed BAe the chance

to defend itself before the court, and this is what Brus-

sels is now doing.

The commission, in a state

which will be carefully consid-

reputation is at stake.

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ing carmaker's debts.

BAe 'sweeteners'

enquiry reopened

FROM TOM WALKER IN STRASBOURG

tive markets will take place at a time when gas is in short supply because of an unforeseen increase in power station demand. Mr. Probert said Bonsh Gas would want market demand to determine gas Ian Powe, director of the

Gas Consumers Council, welcomed the outcome, but added: "The key, out unanswered, question is whether British Gas will be allowed to recover lost profits by raising the average price of gas to industry and com-Sir James McKinnon, di-

rector general of gas supply, responded: "Not if I can help it." He also reaffirmed the responsibility of British Gas, embodied in the Gas Act 1986, to maintain supplies to The OFT has been trying to

schieve competition in gas supply since it referred Brit ish Gas to the MMC in 1987, a year after the company was British Gas has been forced

to give 27 undertakings to the a phased market liberal-Isation. These include the re-lease of 500 million therms of gas to competitors later this year and a similar volume in each of the subsequent two years. In 1995-6, the OFT will oblige British Gas to re-lease 250 million therms. It will also have to separate its entire United Kingdom transmission and distribu-tion business, both financially and physically, from the rest of its activities.

This business, which must stand alone by January I, 1994, will be closely regulated and will carry gas under contract, both for British Gas and its competitors.

By the mid-Ninetles, Brit-ish Gas's share of commercial and industrial markets, which account for 7 billion therms of its 20 billion therms of UK sales, must be down to 40 per cent. At present, the company has 75 per cent of the firm contract mirket, but just 25 per cent of the interruptible market.



McKinnon: determined

Progress on provisions: Rodney Galpin, yesterday, who reported growing enthusiasm among his staff T&N to cut 1,500 more jobs this year

T&N, the diversified engineer ai outcome was about 3,000. Mr Hope said yesterday, 1,800 of them from Britain, that used to be known as Turner & Newall, expects to trim its workforce by another bringing the total lost since 1,500, or about 4 per cent, during 1992. Colin Hope, the start of 1990 to more than 5,000 and the total number employed down to 38,000. the group's chairman, said as many as half the losses would The group chairman added come from its 40 factories

that the next round of job across Britain. osses, although not yet close-The move follows 3,000 job ly identified, would be at losses last year and is part of a about half of last year's rate, continuing programme of effand that no more than half of iciency measures at T&N, which saw pre-tax profits drop from £70.5 million to them would be in Britain. The 1991 round of redun-£49.1 million in the year to

end-December.

The company has decided.

however, to maintain the divi-

dend, at a cost of £47.4 mil-lion on share capital enlarged

by last year's rights issue, despite an attributable profit-

of just £11.1 million. A final

payment of 7.25p makes a total of 10.85p. "We wouldn't be happy

with carrying on with uncov-ered dividends for a long per-

disappear," Mr Hope said.

He added that despite some help for the troubled industry

in this week's Budget, there

was as yet no clear indication

of any recovery in the compa-

with the emphasis on contin-ued cost reduction and cash

generation, the group will recover strongly as the market improves," Mr Hope said.

Last May, at the time of the rights issue, T&N gave a warning that 2,500 jobs

would have to go from the workforce worldwide, about

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ny's markets.

dancies reduced operating profits by £9.9 million to £89.7 million.

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Consortium buys BTG for £28m

PETER Lilley, the trade and industry secretary, has con-firmed the sale of British Technology Group to a con-sortium led by the group's management, the front-runner in exclusive negotiations with the government since an week

The initial proceeds will be £27.75 million. Future payments to the government will come from an earn-out over the next five years if the business beats revenue targets forecast by BTG management in its business plan. with the government entitled to 60 per cent, less tax, of the amount by which the targets

The deal is expected to be

Standard Chartered advances

international banking group. year, with a 37 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £205

Rodney Galpin, the chair-man, said the bank had made considerable progress in a difficult year and that confidence and enthusiasm had grown among the employees. The largest improvement

came from operations in the Far East, where trading prof-its rose a fifth to £184 million. However, in Britain, a loss of £46 million, after a 19 million profit in 1990, followed bad debt provisions of £130 million. These included an estimated £60 million set aside for Brent Walker. Overall, group pro-visions fell 9 per cent to £159

Earnings more than tre-bled from 13p to 44.3p a share as the bank's tax charge fell. The final divi-dend rises 73 per cent to 13p for an unchanged total of 20p for the year.

Halved profits take toll of Simon shares

BY OUR CITY STAFF

SHARES in Simon Engineering fell 35p to 245p in response to a 50 per cent siump in profits for 1991 and a cautious statement on cur-

rent trading.

The dividend is held at 15.7p a share, with a 10.7p final, but is uncovered by earnings, which fell from 30.4p a share to 12.5p. An extraordinary charge of £6.5 million against closure costs and losses on disposals left the company with an overall deficit of £10.5 million for the

Roy Roberts, chairman, said conditions deteriorated in the third and fourth quarters when Simon had expected a recovery, particularly in Britain. Instead, a high level

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of quotations failed to translate into orders as projects were deferred. In response, the company restructured businesses serving the construction and process engi-

neering industries.
At the pre-tax level profits fell from £36.5 million to £18.3 million. Operating profits were down from £38.7 million to £26.1 million on turnover reduced from £545 million to £514 million.

Interest charges rose from £2.24 million to £5.92 million. Net borrowings rose by £18.6 million due to acquisitions for cash and the assumption of debts of £10 million associated with Robertson Group, bought in

40 per cent of which is em-ployed in Britain. The eventu-

Panel clears Trafalgar

BY MARTIN BARROW

TRAFALGAR House has been cleared by the Takeover Panel of misleading shareholders in Davy Corporation in connection with the payment of a second instalment for their shares.

The panel ruled that Trafalgar House had clearly stated that a payment of 45p a the £114 million agreed bid for Davy last June was conditional upon the completion of the Emerald field contract for Midland & Scottish Résources. Completion has been delayed because of a legal wrangle between Trafalgar House and MSR. Aithough Davy Offshore, now a subsid-

iary of Trafalgar House, completed construction of the Emerald floating production facility in December, delivery of the platform is being delayed because MSR cannot procure a section .10 ship mortgage guarantee from the trade department.

As a result, Trafalgar House is unable to draw upon a £118 million letter of credit with the project's bankers. The letter of credit lapses on June 30. Sir Eric Parker, chief executive of Trafalgar House, has written to Davy shareholders warning that "considerable uncertainties" continue to surround the Emerald project. There are fears that Davy holders may never receive the remaining £54 million for their shares The Panel undertook the investigation at the request of

former Davy shareholders and after representations by Kleinwort Benson and J Henty Schroder Wagg on behalf of Trafalgar House and

It has ruled that while Trafalgar House did not breach the Takeover Code, the conglomerate has "a continuing obligation to use all reasonable endevours" to obtain payment under the Emerald field contract so that former Davy shareholders may receive the second instalment.

 The recession severely affected Glynwed throughout 1991, reducing Group turnover by 14% and operating profit by 53%.

 Extensive action to reduce costs and eliminate losses resulted in an increase in second half pre-tax profits of 45%, compared with the

 The second half improvement was particularly marked in consumer and home improvement products, with Flavel-Leisure (cookers and fires), Aga-Rayburn (cooking ranges) and Leisure (sinks) all gaining ground.

 Steels held their own extremely well in the highly competitive worldwide steel industry, despite difficult markets.

 Copper tube production will benefit from the move to single site operation following a 30% decline in the UK market to the lowest level since 1981.

1991 £949.9m Turnover £1099.8m £40.9m Operating Profit £87.8m Pre-tax Profit £25.5m £70.3m Earnings per Share 8.43p 23.38p Dividend per Share 11.65p 11.65p

 Metal Services was affected by the steep fall in aluminium and stainless steel prices, but increased its market share.

 Plastics accounted for nearly half of Group trading profit, further vindicating the strateg in this area, and 1991 saw new products launched and marketing initiatives taken.

 Another successful year was enjoyed by the UK businesses of the Engineering sub-division.

"I believe that the beneficial effects of the actions already taken should ensure that profitability in 1992, particularly in the second half of the year will be appreciably better than in 1991, although, obviously there are well-known uncertainties which affect our, and many other, businesses". GARETH DAVIES Chairman & Chief Executive — 10 March 1992

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UK makes mark in east Germany

BY WOLFGANG MUNCHAU, EUROPEAN BUSINESS CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN will be the largest foreign investor in eastern Germany this year, according to Peter Walker, the man charged by the German Treuhand privatisation agency with the task of luring British investors to eastern Germany.

The former Welsh secretary predicts that investment inflows into eastern Germany will peak in the next 18 months, and says many negotiations between British companies and the

Treuhand agency are proceeding.
In an interview with The Times. Mr Walker said British companies regarded investments in east Germany not only on their own merits. "The unique element about the investment inflow is that for the first time it is easy for British investors to invest in Germany, where it has traditionally been difficult to make a takeover," he said, adding that there were presently a lot of negoti-

ations "in the pipeline".

He rejected accusations, frequently levelled against the Trenhand, that German investors are given preference over foreign beyers. While it was true that German companies were the first to jump on the bandwagon because they regarded eastern Germans as their home territory, there had been a change in perception towards foreign buyers. There are quite a few managements who prefer a foreign investor than, say, someone who drives up in his car from Stuttgart." He said the Treukand and the finance ministry agreed on the fact that after 40 years of looking eastward, the presence of foreign investors also

helped change eastern Germans' perspective. Last year. British companies invested DM1.3 billion, making Britain the second largest foreign investor in eastern Germany after France, He said investment would increase substantially this year, though he was reluctant to give an

the only healthy construction market in

estimate, other than to say that it would be more than French investment. One of the reasons for Britain's sur-

prising role as the largest foreign investor is the relative absence of American and Japanese companies in the east European market. The sectors that attract most interest

are those in which east German economic activity is particularly strong, such as construction, domestic appliances and the creation of a new In this sense, the British recession could have a positive impact on investment, in that east Germany is presently

Birgit Breuel, the Treuhand's president, appointed Mr Walker last autumn to his part-time, unpaid job. Mr Walker has appointed several British executives to the Treuhand's British advisory council, among them Sir Christoph Harding outgoing chairman of British Nuclear Fuels, in the hope of enticing more British companies into eastern

Germany.

TEMPUS

Hawker helps BTR to dispel doubts

THE concerns that have damaged BTR's investment rating in recent months are dispelled now that 1991 results are in the open. Yearend results show pre-tax profits of £917 million (£945 million) and an upward nudge in the final dividend to 9p (8.75p), making 16.5p (15.75p) a share for the year.

Hawker Siddeley, for which BTR paid £1.5 billion last November, is, to the market's relief, fast being tailored into BTR's ways. HS made an initial pre-tax profits contribution in the mid £20 millions, and there is much more to come. A year hence, and Hawker Siddeley will be accounting for a significant part of BTR's

profits profile. The market had also feared that profits from 61-per-cent-owned BTR Nylex, in Australia, would be dreadful and dreadful they were. Yet despite the Nylex drag. BTR contained its overall 1991 profits decline to a

modest 2.96 per cent.
Alan Jackson, the chief executive from whom the market expects so much, has completed his first year as BTR's most visible executive. Yesterday, he convinced even the sceptics that he is in robust health, which should debunk suggestions that he is packing his bags and making his way back to Australia

BTR's priority in 1992, while waiting for world markets to improve, is to clip gearing from the December 31 level of 89 per cent, more than twice the previous 41 per cent level, largely as a result of taking over Hawker.

remains a satisfactory 8.3 imes, and a reduction in BTR's absolute gearing level hould not prove that difficult. Further asset sales. omplemented by strong

cash flow, should see gearing starting to tilt down again by

Cost efficiencies from a workforce that has been trimmed by 10,700 are not yet as evident as might have been hoped, because trading volumes have generally been weak. But BTR should feel several positive kicks from Norman Lamont's Budget; the group also stands to benefit from the prod by the Australian prime minister to his economy, and President Bush is likely to stoke America's economy in his election year - from which BTR would also benefit.

Pre-tax profits could rebound to £950 million this ear, and advance to £1.13 billion in 1993. At 390p, down 10p on election news, the shares, on 13.6 times 1992 earnings and 11.5 times 1993 profit hopes, have a new breed of fans.

T&N

MARKET-MAKERS who sent shares in T&N sharply higher in early trading after the dividend was maintained had good reason to re-consider later, and the shares slipped back to end 42p higher at 124p. The pay-ment, largely forced on the company by promises at the time of the £119 million rights issue, in May 1991, was uncovered and the company's reserves were trimmed a quarter.

The shares are on an 11.7 per cent running yield, and the market's assumption is have to be cut despite op-timism from Colin Hope, the aptly-named chairman, that by March 1993 the speed of the upturn or the prospects for the following year might allow a maintained payment. T&N saw pre-tax profits



Optimistic: Colin Hope, the chairman, wants to maintain payment next year

slip from £70.5 million to £49.1 million in 1991, a creditable performance given the depth of the reces-sion in motors and the company's need for strong capital and research and development spending. That investment is paying off in gained market share, and in Germany especially, T&N reckons to have easily out-

paced the competition in terms of cost efficiency. The year's profits were ahead of market forecasts not least because of a strong second half in Zimbabw helped by a weaker local currency. This year John

Lawson, of Nomura Re-search Institute, is looking for £63 million pre-tax. The rights shares were priced at 140p, while T&N shares has fallen from nearly

12 a year ago. The company is well-geared to take immediate advantage of an upturn, but any improve-ment in the share price may

Standard Chartered

STANDARD Chartered would be basking in the Ris-ing Sun but for a ball and

chain made of British steel. The bank's 1991 figures again showed admirable growth in the Far East, but were blighted by heavy bad debt provisions in Britain. Smuderd has assets of £7.95 billion in Europe, a third of the total, but they accounted for provisions of £130 mil-lion, more than 80 per cent of

the overall charge. Nevertheless, Standard's figures show that its recovery is well under way. Pre-tax profits rose 37 per cent to £205 million and earnings per share jumped 240 per cent to 44p as its appalling tax problems eased.

Standard's recovery contrasts with the deepening gloom surrounding domestic institutions. The bank owes much of its success to strong economic growth in the Far East, but also to the improvements in cost control and asset quality fostered by Rodney Gaipin, the chairwho came from the Bank of England in 1988. Problems remain, like the cost growth in Hong Kong. but central management has much more control of the international operations than four years ago.

The bank's strategy is to

transform itself into an international financial services business specialising in lowrisk foreign currency and trade finance business. Lending and full service banking is being restricted to areas where it has a powerful

high street presence.
While this vision appears
to be working, the bank is
dogged by difficulties in the developed world. The opera-Australia lost £66.8 million mainly because of pro-visions, particularly Brent Walker. Together these nearly wiped out all the profits from the Middle East, South Asia and Africa. Provisions may have peaked, but income could be depressed by uncollected interest in-

Bad debts are likely to fall Bad debts are likely to fall in the current year and help to boost profits to £260 million. With the shares priced at 460p, this would imply a p/e ratio of seven, and a yield of 6.4 per cent on the current 20p dividend.

The shares have more than deabled from their low point.

doubled from their low point in early 1991, and investors should consider taking profits and switching into more promising recovery prospects like Midland and National Westminster bunks.

WORLD MARKETS

Tokyo shares drop to lowest for 17 months

Tokyo - Prices slumped in nervous trading and the Nikkei index finished at its lowest close since October 1, 1990. The Nikkei dropped 262.45 points, or 1.26 per cent. to 20,592.14. Arbitrage selling and the weaker yen eroded prices. One Japanese broker said: "There are just no buyers around. People are worned about the yen's fragility and also keeping a nervous eye on Friday's settlement (of

March futures). The Nikkei opened at its high for the day and then began sliding on futureslinked selling and fears that the weaker yen could delay a long-expected cut in the official discount rate.

The index reached a low of 20,567.59 - 287 points be-

The main falls were the

then drifted aimlessly, amid a

lack of buying incentives,

with some light support from

Brokers said the news that

Tokyu Department Store had

initiated legal action against

Daiwa Securities in a dispute

about securities dealing ad-

versely affected the broking

Turnover was about 250

million shares, compared

with 231 million on Tuesday.

bargain-hunters.

broking, railway/bus, nonlife insurance, communications, electrical, pharmaceuticals, credit/lease, banking, precision instrument and warehouse sectors.

The only rises were the mining and oil sectors. (Reuter)

US blue chips drift down in early trade

New York — Blue chips were mildly lower in mid-morning. Trading was directionless and choppy as investors lacked incentive to buy or sell while awaiting economic data due later in the week, analysts

The Dow Jones industrial average slipped 0.99 of a point to 3,230.

☐ Hong Kong — Shares closed above 5,000 for the first time in hectic trading, propelled by the 83 per cent growth in 1991 earnings announced by HSBC Holdings after the close on Tuesday. The Hang Seng index soared 87.01 points, or 1.77 per cent, to 5.005.96, while turn-over swelled to HK\$3.21 blilion (£240 million) from Tuesday's HK\$1.69 billion.

□ Frankfurt - News that

had held its 1991 payout at DM 13 briefly boosted Bayer shares but failed to stop the market's fall. The Dax index closed at 1,743.42, down 7.12 points. Bayer jumped DM3 to a day's high of DM294.50. It then slipped to DM294, a decline of DM 1.20 on the day.

Sydney — Shares gave up some of their gains, but still closed slightly higher on light demand in thin trading. The all-ordinaries index was un 3.8 points to 1,609.1.

☐ Singapore — Prices closed generally higher on some buying interest, but trading was thin with most investors on the sidelines waiting for fresh factors, brokers said. The Straits Times industrial index rose to 1.447.67, up 15.00 points from Tuesday's

STOCK MARKET

Index loses 52 points after rate cut blow

THE City was still annoyed uncertainty. Government sewith the Chancellor because of his failure to complement his Budget with a cut in inter- El at the longer end as worest rates and it is now worried about the outcome of the general election. As a result, gilts ued to make themselves feit. fell sharply and share prices suffered their biggest one-day fall since Red Monday on fell 80 points.

Adam Quinton, at UBS Phillips & Drew, has downgraded his forecast for BT, off 3p at 332p. He expects the group to make provisions to cover the cost of its redundancy programme. Mr Quinton has cut £450 million from his forecast for the year to the end of this month. reducing it to £2.65 billion

month for financial markets in the run-up to the poll. Economists are agreed that Mr Lamont's decision to increase the public sector borrowing requirement for 1992-93 to £28 billion has effectively scuppered any remaining chance for the government to cut rates

Meanwhile, dealers fear a hung Parliament could mean more trouble for the econocurities extended Tuesday's late falls of Lia by more than funding programme contin-

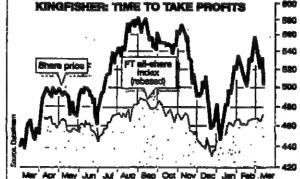
Equities also suffered a hefty markdown as the marketmakers went on the defensive August 19, when the index in order to protect their book positions. The fall was accel-Both dealers and investors erated in late trading by reare now resigned to a nervous ports of the publication soon of an opinion poll, conducted after the Budget, sh Labour party's lead increasing. But there was little evidence of selling with conditions described as light. By

> The FT-SE 100 index suffered an opening fall of 18 points and then drifted for the rest of the day. The index closed 52.4 points lower at 2.522.4, with Wall Street coming in lower, and so wiped out the gains of the previous couple of days. Brokers are only too aware that, with interest rates remaining high and the government set to swamp the market with gilt-edged stock to fund its borrowings, the competition to attract investors' money will intensify.

my, resulting in months of

the close, only 554 million shares had changed hands.

There was little evidence of any follow-through in those



have benefited from the Chancellor's package.
The motor distributors.

which enjoyed a sharp mark-up on Tuesday after car tax was halved to 5 per cent, gave up some gains. There were falls for Appleyard Group, 1p to 105p. T Cowie, 6p to 142p, European Motor Holdings, 1p to 131p, William Jacks, 3p to 27p, Lex Service, 6p to 238p. Pendragon, 1p to 195p and Reg Vardy, 1p to 152p. The exceptions were Alexanders Holdings, up 1p at 23p, Caffyns, 6p up at 361p, Davenport Vernon, 6p dearer at 123p and Sanderson Murray & Elder, 2p stronger at 531p.

The drinks companies were also left looking flat in the wake of the inflation-linked

rises in excise duty. Bass lost 20p at 553p, Boddington 1p at 189p, Grand Metropolitan 220 at 9120. Scottish & Newcastle 3p at 458p, Vaux Group 3p at 194p, Whit-bread A 11p at 432p, Guinness 22p at 603p, and Highland Distilleries 3p at 302p. Allied-Lyons fell 15p to 634p after further consider-

with Carlsberg. The reduced betting levy made little impression on Ladbroke. 8 2p lower at 237p. The tobacco companies retreated, worried about increased pressure on sales with falls in Rothmans Inter-

ation of the referral to the monopolies commission of the proposed brewing link-up

national, 18p cheaper at £10.50 and Hanson, estimat-

ed to hold 25 per cent of the British tobacco market, losing 44p at 2194p.
The uncertain political out-

look upset the privatised companies, some of whom face the threat of renationalisation under a Labour government. The water companies suf-fered with losses in Anglian, 12p to 355p. Northumbrian, 9p to 383p, North West, 16p to 364p, Severn Trent, 15p to 341p, Southern, 7p to 334p, South West, 3p to 388p, Weish, 11p to 383p. Wessex. 10p to 394p. and Yorkshire, on to 382p.

There was little joy for the electricity distributors, with Eastern down 10p to 246p. East Midlands 7p to 257p. London 11p to 274p. Man-web 6p to 319p, Midlands 12p to 266p, Northern 10p to 267p, Norweb 11p to 284p. Secboard 1p to 274p. Southern 12p to 263p. South Wales 13p to 304p. South West 13p to 260p, and Yorkshire 11p to 310p, while the electricity package shed £107 to £2,723. The power distrib-utors, already under a cloud because of calls for a shake-up of the industry, closed mixed. National Power was 1p easier at 217p. with Scottish Hydro 212p down at 104p and Scottish Power I up lower at 102p, while PowerGen rose a

similar sum to 228p. Other privatised issues suf-fering falls included Cable and Wireless. 11p to 608p. Amersham International, 5p to 442p, Associated British Ports, 3p to 359p, BAA, 9p to 556p, British Airways, 6p to 259p. British Gas. 4p to 254p. British Steel. 1 2p to 74 2p. and Rolls-Royce, 5p

to 151 p.

The absence of any cut in interest rates took its toll in

the stores sector. Kingfisher was the worst hit, falling 28p to 503p after County Nat-West WoodMac urged its cli-ents to sell. The broker issued a warning that the shares were trading at a premium to the market that was not justified. In the slower growth environment of the Nineties, Kingfisher is faced with maturing drug and and DIY businesses, increased competition and, perhaps, an ero-

ıllip Harris Holdings has just won an award for innovation from National Power for its First Sense computer equipment Allied Provincial has upgraded its profits forecast for Harris from £1.5 million to £1.65 million for the year to the end of this steady at 158p.

sion of Comet's market share. Others hit in the sector included Argos, 10p to 272p, Body Shop. 4p to 361p. Boots, 12p to 450p. Dixons. 12p to 228p. Great Universal Stores A. 29p to £15.37, Marks and Spencer, op to 317p. Next, 32p to 66p. Sears, 4p to 101p. and WH Smith A, 10p to 470p. The oil sector had to con-tend with some nervous sell-

ers. BP lost 5 p at 263p, Clyde Petroleum 2p to 53p, Enterprise 20p to 369p, Goal Petroleum 3p to 50p, Hardy Oil 4p to 113p, Lasmo 12p to 196p, Premier Consolidated p to Zi ap, and Shell 7p to

442p. Steetley [el] 15p to 387p as it continued to reject the terms from Redland, lop cheaper at 460p. Full-year fig-mes from BTR left the shares 7p lower at 392p.

MICHAEL CLARK



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- ★ Decline in sales virtually halted: since
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Chairman

The summensed results for the half year to 31 December 1991, which are unaudited, have been prepared in accordance with accounting policies adopted in the accounts for the year to 30 June 1991.

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No warnings from SIB

he latest thoughts of the Securities and Investments Board on how much information customers should have before they buy an insurance policy or other investment includes the decision that the word "warning" had unduly pejorative overtones and should not be used when warning investors that they may lose money. Few will be surprised that such a soft approach is being taken towards life companies and what their sales teams will have to tell customers since SIB has proved steadfastly opposed to the full disclosure of commission at the point of sale. It is not relevant says Sir David Walker, the chairman of SIB. It will kill off independent financial advice.

Instead of telling investors directly how much of their money is invested and how much is eaten up in commission and expenses in the early years they will: be told surrender values. This is the same thing. argues SIB. Investors will understand that the poor surrender value means that next to nothing is building up for the future.

Life companies will certainly find this easier to accept. They would say that someone signing on the dotted line for a 25-year policy does not expect to be one of those cashing in ar the end of year one and should not be buying otherwise. Those who remain invested until maturity may lose 14p in the every pound of investment pay out in costs and expenses. The pay-out figure used for these calculations will use standard industry-wide projections rather than individual performance figures and may not even be achieved by an inept investment house. This approach ducks the issue of full transparency on commissions yet again and presents the information in a way that most customers will find difficult to assess. The scale of front-end loading will be difficult to detect. In the meantime, SIB intends to make rules in May, which if they are implemented will not be changed for a long time. leaving long-term investors in the long-term dark.

Tackling BCCI

gnoring for once the political overtones, the Treasury Select Committee has come to a L series of sensible conclusions about the closure of the Bank of Credit and Commerce International and useful recommendations to ensure that such a massive fraud never occurs again.

The committee has rightly criticised the Bank of England for being too cautious in its regulation. BCCI should have been closed a decade ago, when the fraud was in its infancy. If not, then it should have been closed in 1985, when evidence of fraud in the treasury department was first uncovered.

If the Bank felt that it had insufficient grounds to take action then either the Banking Act, or its interpretation of the act, are too lax. In finite bank regulators are unlikely to be so forgiving.

The committee's recommendations should also be read carefully by Robin Leigh Pemberton, the governor of the Bank of England, and his counterparts overseas. The Basic Concordat is institutions have a clear lead regulator with which they can confer...

The concept of an international body to regulate the regulators is also appealing, since there are now infinite variations in regulation standards around the world and they need to be standardised. Who better for this than The Bank for International Settlements which has already revolutionised the world banking scene by its introduction of common capital adequacy standards. The advent of a single world banking order would hopefully slam the door on mavericks like BCCI for good.

Whoever wins, share ownership will be the post-election loser

Graham Searjeant

assesses the likely fortunes for the equity market under the next government, whatever its political hue

hare ownership in Britain widened exponentially from about 3 million people in 1979 to 11 million by 1991, thanks to the wave of mass-markered privatisation issues that gathered strength during the Eighties. Over the past year, however, even this symbol of the Conservative revolution has become a victim of the

According to a Treasury-backed annual survey, published quietly on Budget day, the shareholding public has shrunk by a million. Most of the relapses, it seems, may have been among the newly affluent who dabaled on the stock market, rather than those, with a few shares in

British Gas or BT. In theory, therefore, shareholders still form a potentially powerful con-stituency in the election; but it may not work out that way. Indeed, the high water mark of share ownership may have passed already. There are clear differences between the parties on stock market investment. Opposition parties would re-introduce a tax supplement on unearned income. Labour would phase out personal equity plans, reversing the incentives to share ownership. Privatisations, already on the wane, might well cease if the govern-

ment lost the election. That is not quite certain. The pressure on gov-ernment finances will be so great over the next three years that the temptation would mount even for Labour to sell minority stakes in BT, National Power and PowerGen. Whatever the colour of the next

government, however, financing priorities will change. Instead of needing to sell shares, the government will primarily need to float debt. If Treasury forecasts prove correct, gilt-edged stock will need to be sold on an unprecedented scale, in money terms, over the next three years, especially if privatisation pro-

ceeds disappear from the equation.
On modish post-ERM thinking. EC member countries such as Brit-ain might even find Budget deficits becoming endemic as a matter of policy, up to the limit of 3 per cent of output: Much of this debt is bound to be targeted at domestic investors dominate even more strongly than in the share market, the private investor will also be a prime target.

If the Conservatives are re-elected, Peps incentives will surely be extended quickly to government stock. If Labour comes in, schemes to encourage long-term fixed interest National Savings will probably re-place Peps and the public will doubtess be sold the virtues of indexlinked gilt-edged stock as a prime investment for retirement. To sell the extra gilt-edged stock,



Paper weight: heavy applications for privatisation shares may already be a thing of the past

to stay high, relative to returns on shares: That should attract some overseas investment, particularly if sterling moved into the narrow band of the ERM. There would also need to be a big switch in the proportion of British institutional investors' funds going into fixed interest investment. This would be big enough to make an impact on the underlying demand for shares.

That financial background will not be congenial for the share market whatever the election result. though it would be marginally worse under Labour. The long-delayed economic recovery will be slow and recovery in company profits will also be slow, not least because of the much reduced rate of inflation.

The outlook for dividend growth is also poor under the Con but it could be worse under Labour. who have traditionally offered in-centives, however ineffective, to plough profits back into investment.

The cool reception given to the Budget yesterday, which more than lost the gains marked up before Norman Lamont started speaking on Tuesday, owed as much to the bad news about the government's forecast finances as to lears that the Budget might do little to aid the Conservatives' hopes of re-election. Even after Labour's conversion to cautious economic policy and the

campaign led by John Smith and Gordon Brown to reassure business. the City remains distrustful. The emotional reaction to a Labour victory and its impact on City takehome pay would probably knock 5 per cent or so off shares, and a Tory win would bring a similar boost. In part this is due to uncertainty, which would be worse if no party won. Many share dealers, foreign exchange traders and fund managers have never operated under anything but a Conservative government.

iny more have known only the Labour govern-ment of 1974-9, in the first three years of which inflation climbed, producing a caiamitous squeeze on share prices, a banking crash, a sterling crisis and a generally unhappy time for asset prices. Tax efficiency became the key to investment. In earlier periods. there is no clear distinction between the performance of shares over a

parliament under different parties. In only small measure would the reaction to Labour be due to detailed policies. In opposition, Labour has been particularly critical of the prof-its of privatised utilities and has made vague pledges to keep their prices down.

Ironically, therefore, Labour might directly hit precisely the

shares owned by most of the smallest investors. Utility stocks have become political barometers. Most fell much faster than the market in the auturns, when the absence of predicted recovery pushed Labour firmly ahead in opinion polls, and recovered this year, as the City convinced itself that the government would be re-elected. In yesterday's fall in share prices, the market correctly distinguished between the necessary monopolies in water and electrici distribution, where stocks fell, and

British Gas, BT and the power generators, where Labour might not have the Conservatives' addiction to injecting competition. In other areas, Labour's detailed policies could help individual companies. Higher first-year investment allowances would give a widespread boost to net earnings in the first year, notably in manufacturing and food retailing. Given the state of government finances, this would eventually have to be paid for, how-

ever, probably through a higher rate of corporation tax. Building companies should benefit from the release of local authority funds for housing and, less certainly, there could be increases in other areas of public sector capital spending.

Far more critical to financial markets would be changes in macroeconomic policies. An analysis by

the National Institute indicated only a moderate impact from switching from the government's budget stance to Labour's fiscal alternative. Growth and employment would be slightly higher, offsetting the effect of extra spending on borrowing, but inflation would also be at least a point higher after 18 months. These actual changes are so minimal that the confidence effects would probably be greater. Labour might be forced to raise interest rates temporarily, but higher growth and lower unemployment might improve consumer confidence later.

A study by James Capel, the stock-broker, while fearful of a change of government, concluded: "There is so little difference between our preelection economic forecast under Labour from that under the Conservarives - far less than the margin of forecast error over the life of a parliament - that one's assssment of the outlook for the equity market must be derived from non-economic

This analysis is likely to be confirmed by the medium-term Budget forecasts, which suggest that the Treasury is bargaining for increases in public spending that might be quite comfortable for an incoming Labour government.

ames Capel still forecasts that share prices could be 20 per cent higher by the end of 1993 under a Labour government, though this would be less than half the rise Capel hopes for under a Tory administration. Both could prove optimistic if pension funds and insurance companies divert funds to finance government borrowing.

In practice, the crucial element in confidence might be Labour's expected reaction to the parlous state of government finances painted in the Budget, if that proves realistic. With borrowing at 44 per cent of output even in 1994-5, any attempt to raise spending above that assumed in the forecasts would be frustrated

Would extra spending programmes be shelved or would Labour be tempted to go for extra short-term growth at the expense of inflation and the exchange rate? That question would cast a pail over financial markets, especially the giltedged market, which is going to become much more crucial to investors, and to government thinking over the next few years.

The approach of economic dilemmas knocks share prices, especially tion at a low level is good for values, Devaluation usually boosts equity investments once it has happened not least because so many leading British companies have big foreign currency earnings from businesses abroad. But devaluation within the **ERM** would bring greater penalties and is likely to be rejected.

The likelihood is, therefore, that both parties would pursue similar economic targets. For the Investor, that means that the Eighties love affair with shares is likely to cool. Under Labour, it would cool much

Phantoms on hold THE folk of rural Suffolk

knew Richard Branson was

up to something last week. Months ago, Branson had agreed to meet his old friend Fred Finn, the world's most travelled businessman, at RAF Wattisham near Ioswich on Tuesday for a spin in a couple of Phantom jets. The pair went up with the Red Arrows in September 1990 and were eager to try out a heavier duty fighter — with a little help from Squadron Leader Dominic Riley, formerly of the Reds. There was consternation when Branson, never usually one to turn down a challenge, cancelled at the last minute blaming pressure of work. "He said he was far too busy this month," says my mole. Three days later, the sale of Virgin Music to Thorn EMI left him £510 million richer. Just to prove that he really was busy and had not - heaven forbid! lost his nerve, Branson and Finn hope to take to the skies again soon - probably in May.

On to a winner

SOME people think investing in shares is about as safe as a flutter at the races. Surprising, then, to see Rathbone Brothers, the private banking and fund management group, taking to the turf. Rathbones is sponsoring Simon Sherwood, the jockey turned trainer who won the Gold Cup in 1989 on Desert Orchid. Sherwood rode 350 winners before setting up two seasons ago in East Hsley. near Lambourne, Berkshire, and his owners include An-



Why are we not full of confidence like all the party leaders?

drew Lloyd Webber, Robert Stigwood and Steven Spielberg. There is a touch of irony to it all since his runners at clude Latent Talent which is owned by Christopher Heath, managing director of Bazing Securities and formerly Britain's most highly paid executive. Barings was rescued by the Bank of England in 1890, and the Governor at the time was William Lidderdale, a London partner of Rathbones.

Blue blues

CHANNEL 4 has cancelled tonight's screening of a documentary on the Blue Arrow affair. The station says it decided to shelve the programme on the advice of its solicitors but the timing seems a little curious. Could it have anything to do with National Westminster Bank's decision to ask the trade department to reopen its enquiry into the affair? NatWest saying it was keen to silence

suggestions that it withheld evidence from inspectors. Channel 4 pulled the plug soon afterwards. All in all, the tation has not had much luck with its attempts to cover the background to Blue Arrow. In November 1989, it was all ready to screen an earlier version of the report when the defendants were arrested and it had to cancel:

Whoops!

HOW embarrassing! The British Institute of Management's City branch issued a press release yesterday con-cerning a seminar on Tuesday that was attended by various bankers and busiessmen. It quoted a certain Emest Saunders of The Legal Protection Group. Could the former Guinness chairman have found a new job so soon? Sadly no - he was there, but certainly not under the aegis of the LPG, which was far from amused And Saunders' subject? The ethics of business

Trading up

VOLKSWAGEN fans had their first glimpse of the third generation Golf when it was launched to the motoring press in Britain recently. Eager to make the right impression, Wolfgang Lincke, VW's director of development, flew into Britain for the event, but rolled up at the launch venue Brocket Hall, Hertfordshire — in a decidedly non-German Rolls-Royce. wanted the opportunity to appraise one," a spokeswoman said hastily. There has always been a great respect for British engineering." Perhaps he will compare notes

with the Princess of Wales.

JON ASHWORTH

Glaxo discounts unchanged

From the Managing Direc-tor, Glasso Pharmaceuticals

Sir, Mr J. C. Porteous (Letters, March 6) referred to the level of discounts available on Glazo products. In fact the level of discount provided by Glazo has not changed, and we have purposefully undertaken to maintain Glam product discounts at or above levels prior to our conversion of wholesalers to agent status. What has changed is that UK pharmaceutical wholesilers have taken the opportunity to increase their profitability at the expense of small pharma-

cies by retaining some of the previous discount themselves. Glazzo's decision to change distribution methods is being undertaken in order to establish closer and better ties with our customers i.e. pharmacists

such as Mr Porteous. We are now for the first time in a position to ensure that future changes in wholesalers' policy will not adversely affect retailers in respect of Glasso products.

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We deeply regret the action that wholesalers have taken to the detriment of retailers. We hope that Mr Porteons and any other community pharmacists who feel disadvantaged will discuss their specific situations with ut, and, more importantly, their wholesalers, in order that a speedy resolution to this unfortunate situation can be achieved. Yours faithfully,

SEAN P. LANCE, Managing Director, Glaxo Pharmaceuticals UK Limited. Stockley Park West, Uxbridge, Middlesex.

Awarding credit where it is due

From Mr D.H. Sacof

Sir. To try to explain away their own lack of commercial sense and put the blame for their problems solely on their customers, credit card fraud seems to be a popular whinge from the banks at the moment. Surely the remedy is in their own-hands. In France, where I have a Carte Bleue. one can only have goods charged to it by entering one's PIN number on a key oad available at the shop; there is no risk of the number being seen by others since the key pad is on a fairly long wire. In this country one can only get cash from a dispenser by putting in the PIN number and, although even they do get it wrong, no system is foolproof, why not extend it to all transactions including cheque guarantee cards. In England the sheer

ssession of the card seems to be taken as adequate authority to use it and the only check sometimes made is that the account can meet the bill.

The PIN number is far less likely to be known to a complete stranger who has stolen a card. I was also once told of a good idea by a policeman after I had managed to lose my waller of assorted cards; always keep a valid relephone credit card with the others. With a bit of luck the thief will use it; the number called is recorded against that card and will likely be his dear old Mum or girlfriend thus helping the police with their Yours faithfully, D.H. SACOF. ..

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Power to the people From Mr John Shedden

Sir. Your reports (MPs demand enquiry and Comment, March 10) highlight that which is becoming in-creasingly obvious to an increasing number of people; ment's privatisation of the UK's electricity supply indus-try has produced a result which lies somewhere between disarray and anarchy.

The one redeeming, but paradoxical, consequence, is that they have done it at all, thereby shattering the previously profligate state-owned industry, with its incestuous and characteristically power-ful lobbies — which have certainly not gone away. Having swallowed the lump, the same irresistible

political will must be applied to beginning the digestion. It is worthless to begin singling out disparate elements of the privatised structure - for example, the size of the two primary generators in Eng-land and Wales, the insidious manouvring of the nuclear generation industry, the hopelessly out-of-control pooling and settlement system, or the fact the the Scottish electricity industry was divorced from the UK. and then handed over, complete with absolute monopoly: when what is required is a

whole industry. Monopolies and Mergers Commission in three years? Forget it; by that time it will be too late. The redoubtable Professor Littlechild, bristly and frustrated, or not, is the man for the job. He must, on electricity consumers' behalf, be given every encourage-ment and sweeping powers, to begin phase two. If that requires revolving, as opposed to evolving, then so be it. Yours faithfully, JOHN H SHEDDEN:

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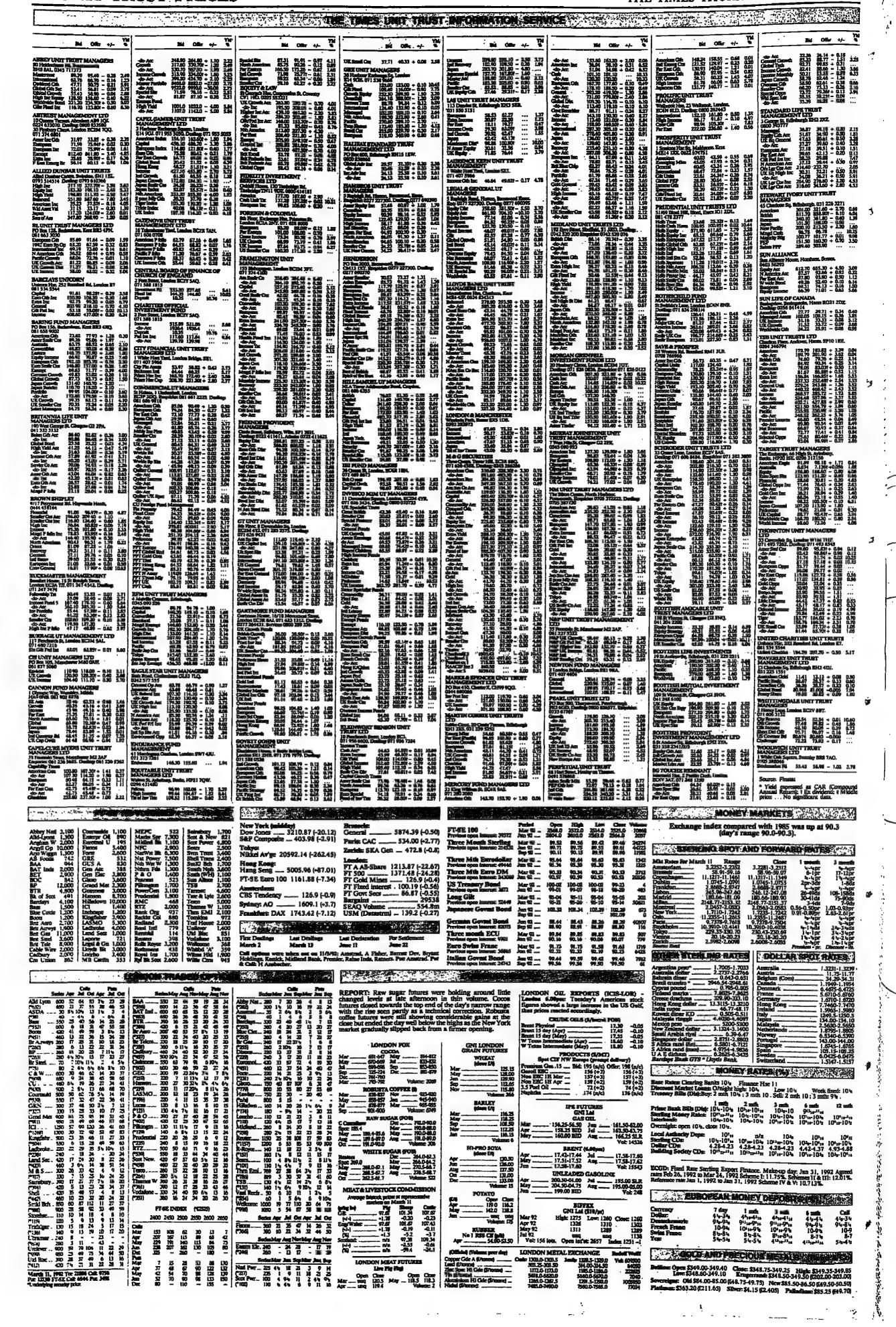
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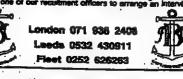
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ERNST & Young, the first of the Big Six to set up shop in

the former Soviet Union, is

opening a representative of-fice in St Petersburg and says

the region's potential is as

George Reese, managing partner of E&Y's practice in Moscow, hopes to turn the office into a fully-staffed prac-

tice within a year. Mr Reese,

who was in London last week

to address a conference on oil and gas in the region, said:
"St Petersburg has tremendous potential. This is a free

economic zone and has a pop-ulation of 5 million. We see it

firm's focus is energy. There is a great deal of money to be

made in advising oil com-panies on doing business in

Russia and its neighbours,

and Mr Reese, a Texan, has

the boom days of the late Seventies," he said. "The best

opportunities appeared to be

in oil and gas production. That's the base but we're also

looking at real estate, agri-culture and construction."

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as ever in her role as president of the Save the Children Fund, always gives as good as she gets. She visited the offices of Neville Russell in Bishopsgate, London, recently to collect a cheque for £102,469 raised by partners and staff at the firm's 20 offices throughout Britain to help children in India. During an informal buffet huncheon, the princess presented an Indian rug to Trevor Jones, a partner in the firm's tiny office in Dudley. West

and well ahead of its £2,500 target. The rug was made by children at one of two vocational training centres in Orissa, a particulary depressed area in north-eastern



Rolling along



ROLLERBALL, a bloodthirsty film from the Seven-

ties, is about to be echoed by reality. Hazlems Fenton, the London accountants, is trying to raise more than El million in development capital for First Event Management, a new company set up by Jon Smith. Smith pro-motes the England football and cricket teams and organised a recent Sumo wrestling competition at the Royal Albert Hall. Now, with First Event taking off, he hopes to scage Rollerball-style contests in which skaters will whizz round a 100 metre town for the past 300 years,

banked track at up to 60 miles an hour while trying to score goals - though in a more sporting way than in the film.

Fair play

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INSOLVENCY practitioners are not always as nasty as they are made out. Cork Gully of Nottingham was recently appointed liquidators to the Green Man and Black's Head Royal Hotel in Ashbourne, Derbyshire, which went under with debts of £850,000 last month. Its demise spelled doom for the traditional Shrovetide football match, a fixture in the

which has historically kickedoff with a pre-match lunch in the hotel bar. Enter Stephen Taylor, the insolvency partner, who agreed to reopen the venue for the two-day match last week. "We survived and a good time was had by all," says Taylor, who roped in a landlord to run the bar. Business was brisk and Cork made about £1,000 and the match ended in a draw.

Trading places

CAN accounts do for the voluntary sector what they have already done to British industry? That is, no doubt. the question that is on the mind of David Hemsworth. the communications director of The Action Resource Centre, which "brings business skills to community dev-

join the board of voluntary organisations in order to bring their commercial acumen to bear on the types of problems that voluntary organisations face. Even better, vounger accountants are being sought to join the staff of voluntary organisations for short periods. Several of the Big Six have already put their younger accountants on development assignments with ARC and the results show benefits for both the individuals and the organisations. However, it is possible there could also be benefits in sending expertise in the other direction. How about volunteers lending a helping hand

tants?

Bridging the gap between Revenue and professions

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tween the Inland Revenue and the professions has been improving. However, this improvement has run in parallel with other more disturbing developments. At the same time that a greater understanding was growing of what both sides of the tax divide understood to be the broad principles and narrower details that they based their decisions on, there have been a number of alarming events.

Tax accountants have been arrested and as details of what appeared to be the root of the charges emerged, rumours spread through the profession. But that's the way we all accounted for that," was a common

The Nissan arrests last year, which still have to come to trial, rattled the certainties of gulf between what accountants saw current custom and practice and what the Revenue appeared to understand was

videning again.
So the negotiations that have been going on behind closed doors between the Revenue, the tax faculty of the English ICA and the Institute of Taxation should be welcomed. The guidelines they have just pub-lished, and which, more importantly, the Revenue has reviewed, should stand as a firm basis for future negotia tion. What started as informal talks on the basis that everyone thought that everyone understood what they were all up to came obvious that a huge gulf existed. But a combination of

the Revenue becoming a much more open organisation in recent years and an eagerness on the accountants' part to sort out the issue appears to have won the day.

As the guidelines introduction points out in a style that veers from the euphemistic to the tongue in cheek. The Revenue's expectations of the role and responsibilities of members when preparing tax returns and omputations and when corresponding with the Inland Revenue have differed in certain

has not been entirely consistent." The result, it hopes, will be "a greater harmonisation between what the Revenue perceives as members' obligations, and what the members themselves perceive as their

respects from common practice, which itself

The greatest of the problems are those that have grown out of what was seen as a style of duelling with the Revenue. The tax client that some fancy footwork was in order. The tax accountant was trapped. If he did not push the client's case to the limits, his reputation as an adept adviser would evaporate. If he did, the Revenue would clamp down on all his clients. Whatever happened, it was the messenger who was

In the past, the tax practitioner had little

room to manoeuvre. The rules on the instances where client confidentiality could be broken were restricted largely to the areas

Now there is a wider interpretation available. The guildelines say: "A member who has grounds for believing that a client has deliberately withheld material information." tion should discuss the matter with the client. A member who is not satisfied with the explanations given by the client should refuse to submit to the Inland Revenue the return or the computations in question unless appropriate disclosure is made to the Inland Revenue.

As practitioners have been swift, perhaps overswift, to point out, this type of strengthening of the perceived rules shouldn't cause problems to most prac-

titioners. There has always been, they will argue, a "lumanc fringe" who sail too close to the wind and adopt the "we won't tell the Revenue until they ask" approach. As these new guideines gradually take effect, that sort of approach, which tended, in the long-term, to be disastrous for the client, should die away. The creation of new certainties where blurred shapes used to exist will speed the process. One observer said last week: "It will be helpful to know that if you have complied then the Revenue can't turn up with the handcuffs." But this is only the start. There are still areas of uncertainty to be sorted out. The Revenue reviewed the guidelines and "while not necessarily agreeing

have acknowledged that they are an acceptable basis for dealings between members and the department. The value is in the example that the negotiations have set. The process of the Revenue opening up can proceed happily knowing that broadly it has the confidence and support of the tax

The next task for the profession is much bigger. The next logical stage would be to do the same for value-added tax, the monste that has grown out of what was originally promised to be "the simplest of taxes". Customs and Excise still show little understanding of the need to deal with practitioners in anything other than an dversarial and bitter way.

"It will be quite an undertaking," one senior practitioner said, "and it's going to take more than a year or two." But it has to

Any organisation that has spent public money on, for example, arguing in court that the big dipper on Blackpool pleasure beach was there purely as a means of transporting people from one destination to another, certainly needs to have its own direction questioned.

The author is the Associate Editor of Accountancy Age.

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Texan with contacts: George Reese, E&Y's managing partner in Moscow

much a problem as ever, and major accountancy firms, the provide them with changing.
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called on to provide back-ground information on potential partners in the region and to prepare feasibility studies on possible joint ventures. Advice on audit and tax compliance is also available. For B&Y and the other

THE new Guide to Professional Ethics, is-

sued by the three institutes of chartered accountants, is the 'highway code' for the

accountancy profession. There is nothing in the code that prohibits driving on the right.

but if you do, you have to be prepared to justify it.

sional self-regulation, to help accountants match up to difficult requirements.

cantly, in recent years, the nature of self-

served areas" of practice for insolvency, in-

vestment business services and, most

recently, auditing. The three institutes had

three options: to stand aside, thus forcing

government to regulate directly, which would

extend the gulf between regulator and regulated; to try to meet the challenge of self-regulation individually, or, as was finally

decided, to co-operate with each other in the

formation of new joint regulatory mechanisms and new guidance. The public, who

ultimately have to foot the bill for regulation,

cither as clients or taxpayers, probably re-main largely unaware of the benefit to their

pockets resulting from that choice.

For the profession, the introduction of the

Financial Services Act for investment busi-

ness was, to some extent, a dress-rehearsal

for the most important self-regulatory re-

gime, for the registration and supervision of firms of auditors under the 1989 Companies

Act, which goes to the heart of accountancy

The government has, in effect, created "re-

regulation has changed.

The guide exists, as a cornerstone of profes-

Self-regulation in other parts of the economy has had bad press recently. More signifi-

former Soviet Unio eastern Europe have two things to offer western entrepeneurs. New markets are opening up in which they can sell their goods and services, be it supplying Mo-Donald's hamburgers in Moscow or servicing all rigs in eastern Siberia. The

factories in which to produce goods and sell them world-

In this way, central and Eastern Europe could find themselves competing with Taiwan, Malaysia and other traditional low-cost producers where labour is cheap and changes in the region also

Milestone on the road to self-regulation



"Public purse wins": Jock Worsley

Midlands, which raised

£6.356 in the appeal - far

more than any other branch

practice. In anticipation of audit regulation, the three institutes identified the need for a root-and-branch review of the guidance on professional independence. At the same time. the public expectation of the standing and significance of the auditor's report and of an auditor's ability to identify and cope with any conflict of interest has become greater. This is acknowledged in the guide by more extensive guidance on independence-threatening

situations, and an entirely new statement on conflicts of interest. We have also removed from our ethical uidance petty or unenforceable restrictions. For example, the new guidance on names and letterheads allows a member to practise under whatever name or title he or she sees fit, consistent with professionalism. Similarly, firms will have greater latitude in promoting themselves for work that does not involve audit or reporting - provided their prof-essional activities do not amount to harass-

ing a potential client.

The new combined ethics committee of the three institutes - the chartered accountants' joint ethics committee (Cajec) - undertook wide consultation with more than 30 user organisations, regulators and other interest groups outside the profession. That ought not to sound like news, given the degree of public interest in the ethics of the accountancy profession. However, it was the first time we had sought the views of non-accountants on ethical issues on anything like this scale and we are glad we did. At the very least, it helps us to rebut fairly any criticism that the profession's ethical guidance is inward-looking or

One question that might be asked from

not regulations?" The American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the largest professional accountancy body in the world, is occupied with this question. The AICPA's regulatory regime is based on extensive and specific rules supplemented by question-and-answer precedents. However, the AICPA now fears that its members, confronted by such detailed regulation, will conclude that anything that is not prohibited is

acceptable — and act accordingly.

Striving for the moral high ground is more likely to be achieved by establishing principles (for instance of professional independent). dence) then urging firms to set up procedures to put those principles into practice. This is similar to the approach that our joint committee fastened upon and which is reflected

Trying to fix ethical guidance is like trying to pin the tail on a galloping donkey. We accept that a perfect Guide to Professional Ethics will never be attained. We have, there-fore, set up a standing review group, which will identify and review issues as they arise and make appropriate recommendations. In this way, it is hoped that necessary revisions

to the guide may be made quickly. New elements already under consideration include the thorny topics of specialist valuations provided by an audit firm, and the proper response by a firm whose opinion is "shopped" by someone else's audit client. Our new 'highway code' is a milestone

towards self-regulation, but it is not the end of what will always be a difficult road. The author is chairman of the chartered accountants institutes' joint entics committee.

elopment". ARC is in the process of a big push to encourage accountants to

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Remittance Man rises to champion status

BY RICHARD EVANS, RACING CORRESPONDENT

REMITTANCE Man won the race, but Waterloo Boy and Karabatic also deserve hero status following a vintage Queen Mother Champion Chase yesterday, which belongs in Cheltenham's hall

The clash of the top two-mile chasers had been billed as the race of the meeting. And so it proved, as the Man triumphed over the Boy and the defending champion.

The National Hunt cognoscente who make the annual pilgrimage to Prestbury Park for the greatest three days jump racing in the world were quick to realise they had seen a race made in heaven.

The roar that greeted not only Jamie Osborne and Remittance Man, but also the gallant placed horses, was close to Desert Orchid

proportions.
The sight of three chasers running at full speed and rising close together at the final fence will not be forgotten for many a year by the 33,551 crowd.

To the neutral observer, it appeared for much of the race as though Waterioo Boy was travelling and jumping with greater ease than Remittance Man. Peter Scudamore slowed down the pace on Star's Delight during the first half of the race which did not suit Nicky Henderson's even money favourite.

But the pace quickened noticeable a mile out and the field went virtually flat out over the last few furlongs, which helped to bring the stamina of Remittance Man

into play.

Jamie Osborne said: "I was a little bit concerned early on because the pace was not strong. Remittance Man was off the bridle a bit coming down the hill and Richard

really strongly. I just took my time to get into gear. "Remittance Man jumped the third-last particularly well, landed running and from then on he kept gallop-ing all the way to the line. At the end of the day, he has outstayed them going up the

Richard Dunwoody said of Waterloo Boy: "He gave everything he had. There are no excuses at all."

David Nicholson, gracious as ever, was among the first to congratulate Henderson. "It was a smashing race. We were in the right place at the right time, but didn't win. That is what racing is all

Henderson enthused: "Remittance Man is very special. isn't he? He was very, very good and it was a great race. They were going flat to the boards at a million miles an hour. Three very good jockeys on three very good horses.
"Stamina is what won it for

my fellow. He has not got a great turn of foot but keeps on No sooner had the excite-

ment died down, than the crowd was treated to another spectacle as one of the strongest fields for the Sun Alliance Chase set off over three

For much of the race Mutare led, closely followed by Miinnehoma - a virtual replay of when they met at Chepstow in January. Mutare fell when tiring two out and Bradbury Star loomed up as the threat to Peter Scudamore as he sought a first festival win for

Martin Pipe. Münnehoma, Pipe's banker of the meeting, would not be denied and, despite an indifferent jump at the last, battled on to the line to win by



Champion contest: Remittance Man, left, lands over the last, fractionally ahead of the eventual third, Waterloo Boy, at Cheltenham yesterday

Pipe, with mobile telephone clasped to his ear, walked into the winner's enclosure as he spoke down the tine to Freddie Star, Münnehoma's owner.

"I told everyone it was my banker and it obliged, thanks to a great ride from Scu-Minnehoma stayed and jumped, which is what he does. He's a natural jumper and loves racing."

Thetford Forest lived up to Nicholson's expectations when he saw off 26 rivals in the Sun Alliance Novices Hurdie with supreme ease. Nicholson, who sent out

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Hurdle in scintillating style at Chepstow on Saturday, en-thused: "I have got the two best novice hurdlers in

Dunwoody was always per fectly placed on Thetford Forest and looked the winner half-a-mile from home. Bollin Patrick, the heavily-backed favourite, was beaten when brought down two out and Thetford Forest toyed with Muse, the long-time leader, before jumping the last and storming up the hill to a comfortable six-length

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2.00 ALLERWASH NOVICES CHASE (£1,973: 2m) (16 runners)

Osborne handed dream spare rides

(£1,387: 2m) (8 runners)

JAMIE Osborne's victory on Remittance Man yesterday brought his tally to a remarkable four winners in the first eight races at the three-day Cheltenham festival, (Rich-

ard Evans writes).
"It's a complete dream," the 24-year-old jockey said. He thought three weeks ago that this year's meeting would be a "non-event for me" because he was due to ride just Young Pokey and But gradually good spare rides came his way and he realised he had his best opportunity to ride a big-race winner at National Hunt's

Three of his winning rides Flown, Nomadic Way and Remittance man — would normally have been ridden by Richard Dunwoody but due to a a clash of riding plans he was unable to oblige and Os-

borne stepped in.
"You have to feel sorry for Richard. Quite rightly, he is very much in demand. When

3.50 fallowfield conditional jockeys handicap hurdle $^{\circ}$

you are as good as he is there will be horses that clash."

Osborne, born near Wetherby in Yorkshire but now based in Lambourn, rode his first race as an amateur at the age of 16. He turned professional five years ago and this is his third season as stable jockey to Oliver Sherwood.

Osborne, originally 12-1 to capture the Ritz Club charity trophy for the leading jockey. now looks certain to win.

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Titley puts claim to effect on My View

BY MICHAEL SEELY

A NEW rule governing the 31b allowance claimed by Irish conditional riders made the difference between victory and defeat yesterday as Jason Titley drove the 33-1 outsider My View to a length defeat of Pragada in the Coral Golden Hurdle final at Cheltenham

The Limerick-born jockey lost his right to claim after riding 30 winners, but when the rule was altered to allow 40, his 3lb was restored. So on his first ride at Cheltenham. Titley gave the Irish raiders their first victory at this year's festival.

From the second-last hurdle the issue only concerned the first two home. The Widget Man found his stride too late in the day, but stayed on strongly to finish another length away third.

The start had been delayed for nearly ten minutes because one of the runners had become hung up in the tapes. The hero of the hour was 81-year-old Don Faulkner, the man who waved his red flag to halt the cavalry charge as the 31 runners came towards him. "If you stand still, a horse will not hit

you," he said later. After the field had split into two groups to race round the intrepid official, 13 of the runners jumped the first flight before they were recalled. When the race eventually started Torkabar refused

Unfortunately, the stew-ards later found that Titley, who had appeared to hit the winner about 18 times, had been guilty of improper use of the whip. They suspended him for three days (March

My View was also the first Cheltenham winner for Michael Purcell, the trainer and breeder of the eight-yearold. The winner ran with a patch over his right eye. "We found out he had a seeing problem when he walked straight into me one morning," said the trainer.
, The punters, out of luck on

the first day, were shouting their heads off after Keep Talking had been the third favourite of the afternoon to oblige in the National Hunt

Heavily backed at 5-2, Tim Thomson Jones's seven-yearold beat High Peak by four

lengths,
Marcus Armytage, riding
his second winner of the meeting, had to work quite larly as the pair were ham-pered by loose horses for much of the trip. Remarkably, Keep Talking gave 97-year-old Jim Joel his first victory at Cheltenham since Beacon Light won in 1976.
In the concluding
Mildmay of Flete Challenge
Cup. the Oxfordshire trainer
John Webber had his first festival victory since he took out a licence in 1958 when

Pipe-trained Sea Island.

Martin Lynch rode Elfast to a

decisive win over the Martin

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Joel: fine success with Keep Talking

Wall Game can collect Foxhunters'

By Brian Beel WALL Game impressed last

season and also at Leicester, on his only outing this term. He looks good enough to beat last year's unlucky loser, Dun Gay Lass, in a highly-compet-itive Christies Foxhunters' at Cheltenham today, Lessons should be learnt by

the race framers that when no professionally-trained exhandicapper dominates, the pick of the amateurs are prepared to take each other on in large numbers. In overall quality and size, there has been none better in the

last forty years.
Rushing Wild is making his racecourse debut but, though he would probably beat them all in a point-topoint, I think he will have to wait until next year for his name to go on the trophy. Starember Lad, Mount Argus and Final Chant will go close and are preferred to

Raise An Argument

Hartington seeks financial review

BY RICHARD EVANS

LORD Hartington yesterday voiced his happiness and hopes following the government's decision to cut betting duty and boost racing's coffers by £13 million.

Speaking at the Cheltenham festival, the Jockey Club's senior steward stressed the importance of having a wide-ranging review of the sport's finances to plan for the future.

He was also quick to point out that the success of the Jockey Club was more than able to take a lead.

"I hope people will stop saying the Jockey Club is in-capable of political and fi-nancial initiatives. We have succeeded in that area along with the Horseracing Adv isory Council. People will not be able to say any more that we are not a commercially and politically astute

organisation."
The government's acceptance of racing's case for a significantly higher return from betting is a personal triumph for Hartington. The senior steward has

been at the forefront of intense political lobbying over the past 18 months in order to get racing's message across to Westminster and

The work put in by Hartington and Christopher

Haines, chief executive at Portman Square, has now paid off in style.

A Levy Board strategy meeting is planned for April which Hartington hopes will provide the starting point for a full-scale assessment of racing's new financial

We have to look and see where all the cuts have been made and whether it is a question of restoring all, or just some of them. It is imlems of the breeding industry. I hope the Levy Board will address that."

Prize-money, cut by around E7 million during the past year, will be a top priority. But Hartington stressed: "We want to look at the whole area afresh. We have been given a tremendous opportunity by government. We must try and make some long-term plans. I am sure that is what Sir John Sparrow [chairman of the Levy

Boardi will want to do." The senior steward said he of happy faces he had seen since the government an-nouncement on Tuesday.

"Racing must regard this
as a vote of confidence from
government," he said. "It
clearly believes it is an industry worth investing in, and it
is right to do so."

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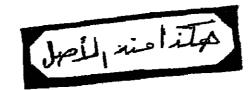
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URSDAY MARCH 12

Carvill's Hill to scale the heights

ways of looking at this year's Tote Gold Cup at Cheltenham. Either the favourine Carvill's Hill will turn the race into a procession and win very easily indeed or he will fall and help pave the way for another to grab the crock

of gold. Those who subscribe to the latter view can rightly point to the fact that Carvil's Hill got no further than the seventh fence when he last tried to win the race in 1989.

I think that they will be proved wrong because the Carvill's Hill of today is a different animal. Tactics have changed along with trainer and rider.

In what will always be known as Desert Orchid's year, Carvill's Hill was towards the rear when he fell that day. Quite possibly, he did not get a good look at the fence. Equally possibly, he was being constrained so much that he met it all

Since Peter Scudamore has been on him, Carvill's Hill has been given his head from the word go. Maximum use has been made of that massive stride. He has always had

MANDARIN

GOING: GOOD

2.15 Duharra. 2.50 Topsham Bay.

3.30 CARVILL'S HILL

5.15 The Illywhacker, 5.50 Tiananmen Square.

Brian Beel: 4.05 Wall Game.

(Grade i: £31,991; 2m) (30 runners)

AL MUTAHM best Stateleck 4! in 7-runner Sendown (2m, good) novice hurdle on penultimists start with ABSALOM'S LADY (4th better off) neck 3rd, CROWDED HOUSE 6!44 5th of 3 to Chiripar in grade I hish Champion Hurdle at Leoparationum (2m, good to yielding). Previously best 9188H PEACE (5th better off) 11 in 13-runner Leoparationum (2m, yielding to soft) novice burdle with NOVELLO ALLEGRO 41/3 ard, DUHARRA 44/27d off 7 to Nome 50-brave in Newbury (2m 100/d, good) novice hurdle with KASHAN 301 3rd and MURBIN 31 4th. HASHAR best GREEN'S VAN GOYEN (8bibetter off) 4 in 9-runner Kempton (2m, good to firm) novice hurdle with VALIANT WARROR 11/41 3rd and MURBIN (5th better off) 2/4/4 4th. MASTER FOODBROKER best THE BLUE BOY (5th better off) 2/4/1 all 1-runner Kempton (2m 4f, good to firm) novice hurdle with VALIANT WARROR 11/4/1 3rd and MURBIN (6th better off) 2/5/4 th. MASTER FOODBROKER best THE BLUE BOY (5th better off) 2/5/4 in 12-runner Kempton (2m 4f, good to firm) novice hurdle with RADAR (NNGHT bailed off 5th. NIJMESEN best RADAR (7th worse off) seck in 11-runner Leicester (2m, soft) novice hurdle. NOVELLO ALLEGRO best AYBAK (4th worse off) 2/4 in 8-runner Leicester

ROMANY KING SI 3rd of 8 to Twin Cales in Haydock (3m, good) handicap chass on penultimate startwith AUNTIE DOT (3ib better will) 71 kith and AUNILIFER (3ib.better off) 25 th. Earlier best Toby Tobias 1 kit in 9-runner Newton Abbot (2m 5t, good) handicap chase with ESHA NESS (6ib better off) 7 3rd. ROWLANDSONS JEWELS short-head 2nd of 6 to Combernace in Ascot (3m, good to frm) handicap chase. KNIGAT Oil, hampered when around 3t 4th of 8 to The Laggett in Market Rassen (3m, good)

(Grade 1: £95,533: 3m 2f) (8 runners)

3.30 TOTE CHELTENHAM GOLD CUP CHASE

(nap), 4.05 Dun Gay Less: 4.30 Cheerful Times,

MICHAELPHELIP

a good look at his fences and his powerful engine has done the rest. Carvill's Hill and I have

one thing in common — we have both been treated by Mary Bromiley. The celebrated physiotherapist, with one base at low has again shown how Baydon and another in Har-capable he is by beating ley Street, got my back right a

few years ago. She seems to have worked the oracle too with Carvill's Hill, who arrived from Ireland suffering from muscle wastage on one side of his quarters. ... Now that has been cured, he looks a much more bal-

anced performer. For sheer class this season, there has been nothing to match his. Welsh National: victoriscond Chepstow in December. He made all the running and beat the Hennessy Gold Cop runner-up Party Politics, in receipt of 19lb, by 20 lengths. Tactically, it should be fun

to watch because presumably. Jenny Pitman has decided to run the speedy Golden Freeze in addition to Toby

RICHARD EVANS.

2.15 Qualitair Sound. 2.50 Topsham Bay.

3.30 THE PELLOW

(nap). 4.40 Logamin

THUNDERER

2.15 Novello Allegro. 2.50 HENRY MANN

(nap). 3.30 Carvill's Hill.

4.05 Wall Game, 4.40 Dusty Miller, 5.15 Toranfield,

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.30 CARVILL'S HILL.

2.15 DAILY EXPRESS TRIUMPH HURDLE

Colo I: £31 991: 2m) (30 rumers)

2P36 AIYBAK 25 (BP) (Dr M Smurit) D Weld (sq) 11-0...

212 AL MUTAHM 12 (BF.D.G) (W Sturt) J (cid 11-0...

421 BALAAT 19 (F) (A Mann) M Crapman 11-0.

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3012 DUHARRA 34 (B.D.G) (shr M Teglar) D Eleventh 11-0...

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135 PINE CHAMBERS 15 (S.F.D.G) (A Secol S Stervood 11-0...

136 PINE (ST.C) (A MASERS 15 (S.S) (she M Wast) M O'Robis (re) 11-0...

137 RESH PEACE 19 (D) (Alebot Racing Syndicate) L Browns (re) 11-0...

138 RASHAN 34 (B.D.G) (S Manurul) N Handerson 11-0...

148 RASHAN 34 (B.D.G) (S Manurul) N Handerson 11-0...

150 MASTER POODSHOKER 40 (8,F) (Food Brotwer Lich) D Bleworth 11-0...

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381 SOUND 180 (Polly C S Section) R Bernard 11-0...

381 SHOWN LANG (R S C S P.D.S) (A S P. Prick Lid) (Polly Plaguard 11-0...

381 TAUNCH-FRIEND 33 (P.G) (S Schrick Boches) M Templains 11-0...

382 THE ELIC BOY (12 (L.D.F.G) (F Bod N Polly I Lid) (P.D.) (P.D

21 BTAUNCH/FRIEND 33 (BAC) (8 Schmidt Bodner) M Temphine 11-0.

122221 THE BLUE BOY (12 (BLD) F.G) ((Few) M Pips 11-0.

3444 VALIANT WARRIOR 21 (B.G) (My Linkowshe Minor Floring Station) (9 Betting 190 ...

BETTING: 8-1 Staunch Friend, 12-1 Novello Allegro, Crowded House, 14-1 Qualitair Sound, Al Mutater Duharra, Head Of Chamberts, 16-1 Beabob, Canny Chronicte, Irish Peace, 20-1 Snowy Lme, Garnete, Selver Alytosi, The Blue Boy, 25-1 Hasher, Duke of Monmouth, Planty Story, 33-1 others, 1

1991: OK SO RISKY 11-0 P Holley (14-1) D Elevorth 27 mm

FORM FOCUS

2.50 RITZ CLUB NATIONAL HUNT HANDICAP CHASE

BETTING: 11-2 Henry Menn, 6-1 Gambling Royal, 8-1 Romany-King, Topeham Bay, Aquillier, 12-1 Auntie Dot, Esha Ness, 16-1 Seagram, Sooner Still, Birling Jack, Knight Od, 20-1 Rowlandsons-Jewels, Whats The Crack, Tipping Tim, 40-1 Mister Christian, Forest Ranger, 66-1 in The Peshion, Withy Bank.

1991: SEAGRAM 11-10-11 N Hawke (6-1) D Berons 14 ran

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handicap chase. HENRY MANN staying on 4l 2nd of 5 to Lext 'O' The Bunch in Haydock (2m 4l, good to 5 to Lext 'O' The Bunch in Haydock (2m 4l, good to sort) chase. Previously best hyde digain 21st in 12-turner Leicester (3m, good) chase. GAMBLING-ROYAL best Eastshaw 181 in Brunner Sandown Sm 118pd, good) handicap chase with SEAGRAM (4b botter off) 18 4m and WHATS THE CRACK 5th last. TOPSHAM BAY S. 2nd of 13 to Tom Troubsdor in Newbury (3m, good) handicap chase. Selection: TOPSHAM BAY

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Tobias, in the hope that his trail-blazing style will put off Carvill's Hill and possibly bring about his downfall.

The pursuing bunch include Norton's Coin and Toby Tobias, who had the finish to themselves two years ago, and The Fellow, who was beaten a short-head by Garrison Savannah 12 months

In the meantime, The Fel-Dockdands Express in the King George VI Chase at Kempton on Boxing Day.

Docklands Express takes him on again, along with stable, companion Kings Fountains who has been

going well on the gallops re-cently. There will not be much between Kings Foun-tain and Carvill's Hill for stheer size in the paddock and Kings Fountain has at least won around Cheltenham. Well as Cool Ground won at Haydock 12 days ago, his limitations were, exposed at

nearly 20 lengths.

The programme begins with a cavalry charge, better known as the Daily Express

this level last year when he finished only fourth, beaten



Elsworth: chasing a third Triumph win

Triumph Hurdle. David Elsworth, who has trained the winner twice, fields three and I like the Newbury winner Duharra best.

While Romany King, Aquilifer, Henry Mann and Gambling Royal all seem bound to go well in the Ritz Club National Hunt Chase, I prefer the David Barons-trained Topsham Bay, who looked to be running into form when chasing Tom Troubadour home at Newbury recently.

to win the Christie's Foxhunter Challenge Cup last year (she was caught and beaten a head by Lovely Citizen after an iron had broken) can go one better this time, possibly at the expense of the promising Wall Game.

The County Hurdle can be won by Cheerful Times, who was runner-up to the new champion hurdler, Royal Gait, at Nottingham last time, while I fancy Mrs Pitman's The Hywhacker for the Cathcart Challenge Cup. Finally, as he attempts to become the third member of his family to ride a winner at a festival meeting, Tim Hyde will have an enormous weight

to win the Tote Festival Bumper on Tiananmen Square, and they will be backing him accordingly.

☐ Mandarin (Michael Phillips) was in excellent form at Cheltenham yesterday, giving four of the six winners. They were: Thetford Forest (7-1), Milinnehoma (7-2), Keep Talking (7-2) and Remittance Man (evens, nap). Richard Evans napped Thet-

Ireland will be expecting him

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CURAHEEN BOY best Knockursehin 2½i in 11irunner Weitserby (2m 4f 108yd, good) hunter chase.
FEDERAL TROOFER best For Hall Mi in 16-runner
Stratford Sim 2f, good to firm) hunter chase with
QUEENSWAY BOY (same larms) 27i 5th, BUSTED
SPRINS, CURAHEEN BOY and SPORTING
MARNER pulled up. LOVELY CITIZEN best DUN
6AY LASS (seme terms) head in this race last yeer
(13 runners, good) with SANBALLAT (same terms)
balled off 8th, MOUNT ARGUS best Jamry River 27
in 6-runner Haydock (3m, good) to sorth hunter
chase. RAISE AN ARGUMENT best Guidowsy 15i
in 15-runner Stratford (3m 2f, good) hunter chase
with SANBALLAT (3b worse off) 12f 3rd and

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4.40 73rd YEAR OF THE COUNTY HANDICAP HURDLE

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| ı | 604 | | BANK VIEW 2 (D.G.S) (Date (Bloodstock) Ltd) N Tinkler 7-11-8 @ MoCourt | - (|
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| į | . 506 | . 225-242 | NATIVE MISSION 23 (BF,D,S) (A Budge Ltd) Jimmy Pizzemid 5-11-0 M Dwyer | - 6 |
| ľ | 507 | 101P/3-6 | KADAN 21 (D.F.Ø) (P Heywood) W G Turner 8-10-18 | - |
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| ı | | | BOARDING SCHOOL SS (D.S) (R Green) C Parker 5-10-10 | i |
| ļ | | | MISS DAISY DEE 18 (D,S) (P C'Dec) P Flynn (Inc) 6-10-8 M Duffy | ì |
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| l | 514 | 582213 | VAYRUA 12 (D.G.S) (J Hellerg) J'Helleng 7-10-8 C Grant | i |
| I | 616 | 192-B28 | DUSTY MILLER 22 (BF.D.G) (Watership Down Racing) 8 Sharwood 6-10-6 J Calabras | i |
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| | £25. | | WAKE UP 18 (D.F.G.S) (Mrs J Ward) R O'Leary 5-10-0 P Harley | |
| | 526 | 485.215 | ROSGILL 65 (D.F) (Brigader Recing) P Mitchell 6-10-0 | i |
| | | | CARBONATE 7 (D.F.&) (P. Partridge) R. Buckler 7-10-0 N. Hawke | - |
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BETTENC: 10-1 How's The Boss, Cheorful Times, Ti-1 Bank View, 12-1 Galway Star, 14-1 Dusty Miller, Honset Word; Bookonss, Technologisch, Mills Distry Des, 18-1 Rare Holdey, Villon, Plagarilp, 20-1 Boarding School, 25-1 Bon Villandios, Varyus, Lamacs, Kanndabil, 38-1 Files Prince, 40-1 Johnson

FORM FOCUS

HOMEST WORD easily, best Propers 31/sl in 8-rusner Fontwell (2m 2f, good to soft) hurdle with CARBONATE (24th better off) 28 4th. DON VALENTINO best Palling 11 in 10-runner grade in RepencyHurdle at Warwick (2m 5f, soft) panutimete start.
HOW'S TINE BOSS best Cock Conclusion 31/sl in 20remer fested Ladorake Hurdle at Looperstown (2m,
good to vielding) with NATTVE NASSION (Sib better
off) 11/sl 3rd (demoked to 4th), LARNACA (4th better
off) 16/sl 4th (Bonated to 16/st), LARNACA (4th better
off) better off) 8th and BANK VIEW (17th better off)
7th. BANK VIEW 7/sl 5th of 16 to Royal Gelt in Nottinghem (2m, good) better
(good) on Tuesday.

5.15 CATHCART CHALLENGE CUP CHASE

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| Ì | 601 | 1-12245 | TORANFIELD 75 (0,8) (F Lannon) F Lannon (re) 8-11-7 |
| ı | 602 | -81111F | GENERAL IDEA 1 (D.G.S) (Dr M Smorfit) D Weld (Ire) 7-11-8 |
| ı | | | GOOD FOR A LAUGH 2 (G,S) (Or M Seturit) A Moore (Ire) 8-11-8 T Teaffs |
| ı | 804 | 111141 | MY YOUNG MAN 2 (F.G.S) (Mrs W Tufoch) C Brooks 7-11-3 |
| l | 605 | 351514 | REDUNDANT PAL 1 (B.D.S) (P O'Nell) P Mullins (Ire) 9-11-5 |
| l | 606 | 23PP/31 | CLIFFALDA 20 (G.S) (R McAlpine) G Richards 9-11-0 |
| ı | | | FAR SENIOR 71 (CD,F,Q) (Mrs H Duffey) K Balley 6-11-0 |
| ı | | | REPEAT THE DOSE 5 (D,F,S) (A Wates) T Etherington 7-11-0 |
| ı | 608 | 3-4211F | THE ILLYWHACKER 28 (V.D.G.S) (J. Hitzmins) pire J. Pitmon 7-11-0 |
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1991: CHATAM 7-11-0 P Soudemore (S-1) M Pice 8 ren

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YORANFIELD best affort when '2! 2nd of 15 to Another Coral on old course here (2n 4f, good) in histories. CENERIAL IDEA left in the 4 Million yesterday settler has 5 scond Schedusi (noceived bb) 10! in 8-numer Leopardstown (2m 3f, good to yielding) novice chase lestest. Engaged in 4.05 Chettenhem yesterday. MY YOUNG MAN impressively beat Whatever You Like 12! in 17-numer handkap chase here (2n, good) on Tuesday with GOOD FOR A LAUGH (8b-worse off) pulled up before 9th. Previously below-per when 8! 4th of 6 to

Waterloo Boy in grade it Geme Spirit Chase at Newbury (2m 160yd, good) with REDUNDANT PAL (4th in the 2.50 here yesterday) 61 5th. CLIFFALDA best Forever Aston 5 in 18-nuner Kelso (2m 8, good to soft) novice chase. FAR SENIOR 10141 3rd of 4 to Bractoury Star in novice chase over course and distance (good). REPEAT THE DOSE best Half Brother 8 in 5-nuner Chapstow (2m 4f, soft) handicap chase. THE ILLYWHACKER beat Star Sesson 8 in 11-numer Leicester (2m 4f, good) novice chase penutitimist start.

5.50 TOTE FESTIVAL NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (2m: £12,135) (24 runners)

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| 6 | 681 GLEN RUN 20 (S) (R Layland) R Layland 6-11-10 | |
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| | 13 VISAGA 12 (BF.F) (L Helistenius) D Nicholson 6-11-10 W Marston | |
| 3 | 13 ZANYMAN 57 (BF,G) (Mrs P Snow) J Edwards 6-11-10 | |
| 4 | 11 MANERSE 138 (G.S) (M Tebor) N Callaghan 5-11-8 D Mauphy | |
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6 | 2 COULDNT- BE BETTER 26 (R White) C Brooks 5-11-6 | |
| 7. | 2 FERENS HALL 73 (Mrs M Moore) A J Wilson 5-11-8 | |
| 8 | B/S- PHAROAH'S SON 388 (T Johnsey) M Pige 6-11-6 P Scudemore | |
| | 11 ARCOT-26 (GI (Pol-Meil Pariners) J Glover 4-11-5 | |
| 9 | 11 TANANMEN SQUARE 33 (G) (Mrs. J. Magnier) N. Mcede (Ire) 4-11-5. Mr. T. Hyde (5) | |
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1991: NO CORRESPONDING RACE FORM FOCUS

SORO EIGHT best Gimme Five 31/51 in 6-runner Leoperdstown (2m 2l. good to vielding) National Hunt fist race. MARTIELL SPIRIT best Might of Machiness 8i in 19-runner Haydock (2m, good to sort) National Hunt fist race with WSAGA (7th bester off) 2 3rd. MONSIEUR LE CURE best Maxmour short-head in 24-runner Ayr (2m, good) National Hunt fist race. VISAGA- best Fig Guard 31/51 in 18-runner Luciow Selection: TIANANIMEN SOLIARE

FESTIVAL COURSE SPECIALISTS **TRAINERS** Runners Per cent 14.8 13.8 13.2 11.1 7.8 7.8 M Parrett
J Frost
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M Bowlby
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H Davies 20.0 18.8 15.4 11.9 10.7 Form guide to the eight contenders

CARVILL'S HILL Feb 16, Leopardstown, yielding: (12-0) best Garamycin (12-0) 15i (2m, listed chase, £43,125, 10

£95,533: 3m 2f) (8 runners)

(Red, green hooped cap)

301 /IF-111 CARVILL'S HILL 25 (G,S) (P Green) M Pipe 10-12-0 ... (Light blue, dark blue diamond and diamond on cap)

(2m, listed chase, £43,125, 10 ran).

Dec 21, Chepstow, good to mult: (11-12) beat Party Politics (10-7) 201 with COOL GROUND (11-6) pulled up before. 2 out (3m 6, grade III in cap chase, £23,654, 17 ran).

Nov 30, Chepstow, good to soft: (11-12) beat Aguillier (10-9) 101 with COOL GROUND (11-8) tailed off 5th (3m, grade if h'cap chase, £16,730, 6 ran).

COOL GROUND

Fab 29, Haydock, good to soft: (11-3) beat Kildimo (10-2) 1½! (3m 4!, h'cap chase, £24,086, 11 ran).
Feb 15, Newcastle, good: (11-10) 36! 7th to David's Duky (10-0) (4m 1!, h'cap chase, £10,464, 13 ran).
Feb 1, Chepstow, soft: (11-10) beat Just So (10-3) 7! (3m 6!, h'cap chase, £8,545, 9 ran).
Dec 21, Chepstow, good to soft: see CARVILL'S HILL.
Nov 30, Chepstow, good to soft: Nov 30, Chepstow, good to eatt: see CARVILL'S HILL.

DOCKLANDS EXPRESS Feb 22, Kempton, good to firm: (11-10) best Pegwell Bay (11-3) 1 (3m, grade III h'cap chese, 231,875, 11 ran).

Jan 4. Haydock, good: see | NORTON'S COIN Dec 26, Kempton, good: see THE FELLOW.

3.30 TOTE CHELTENHAM GOLD CUP CHASE (Grade I:

302 5P2101 COOL GROUND 12 (C.p.G.S) (Whitcombe Manor Ltd) G Baiding 10-12-0 A Maguire (Dark blue, yellow star, sleeves and star on cap)

308 22-2411 TOBY TOBIAS 26 (C.F.G.S) (Mrs E Hitchins) Mrs J Pitman 10-12-0 MP (Light blue and orange diamonds, light blue sleeves, light blue cap, orange star)

(Royal blue, yellow braces, hooped sleeves, yellow cap)

305 1-31121 KINGS FOUNTAIN 21 (C.F.G) (E Banks) K Bailey 9-12-0 (Emerald green, dark green seams, emerald green sleeves, pink cap)

303 1-23251 DOCKLANDS EXPRESS 19 (D.F.G.S) (R Baines) K Balley 10-12-0 M Perrett 81

307 11-11F1 THE FELLOW 77 (G,S) (Marquesa de Moratalia) F Doumen (Fr) 7-12-0 A Kondrat 83

BETTING: 6-5 Carvill's Hill, 5-2 The Fellow, 7-1 Kings Fountain, 10-1 Toby Tobias, 16-1 Docklands Express, 33-1 Norton's Coin, 40-1 Cool Ground, 200-1 Golden Freeze.

1991: GARRISON SAVANNAH 8-12-0 M Pitman (16-1) Mrs J Pitman 14 ran

GOLDEN FREEZE Feb 29, Newbury, good: (11-9) 31/41 3rd to Laundryman (10-8) (2m 4f, h'cap chase, £8,448, 7

Feb 1, Chepstow, soft: (11-10) 30½! 5th to Nodform (10-9) (2m 4f, h'cap chase, £3,850, 9 ran). Jan 18, Kempten, good to firm: (11-10) 11i 3rd to Edberg (10-3) (2m 4i, h'cap chase, £3,850, 6

Jan 4, Heydock, good: (11-10) 12½! 4th to Pat's Jester (11-10) with DOCKLANDS EXPRESS (11-10) 1½! 5th (2m 4f, grade i chase, 227,311, 5 ran).

KINGS FOUNTAIN Feb 20, Wincenton, good: (11-2) best Aquilifer (11-12) 71 (3m 1f, chase, £10,163, 6 ran).

Dec 26. Wetherby, good to soft: (11-4) ¾I 2nd to Stay On Tracka (10-0) (3m 100yd, h'cap chase, £17,965, 5 ran). Dec 7, Cheltenham, good to firm: (11-10) beat Another Coral (11-9) 8I (2m 4f, grade III h'cap chase, 226,524, 8 ran).

Fab 1, Sandown, good to firm: (11-12) 744 5th to Espy (10-7) (3m 118yd, grade II h cap chase, £19,020, 9 ran). Dec 26, Kempton, good: see THE

Nov 26, Huntingdon, good: (11-9) 4l 2nd to Sabin Du Loir (11-9) (2m 4f, grade || chase, £15,475, 4 ran). THE FELLOW Dec 26, Kempton, good: (11-10) beat DOCKLANDS EXPRESS (11-10) 1/bl with TOBY TOBIAS (11-10) 10i 4th and NORTON'S COIN 25i 5th (3m, grade I chase, 844 170, 8 cos)

244,170, 8 ran).
Nov 17, Auteuil, heavy: unseated rider behind Tito L'Effronte (9-13) (3m 3f 110yd, chase, £61,100, 7 Sep 25, Auteuil, heavy: (11-4) beat Matereau (9-8) 12! (2m 81, chase, £25,458, 5 ran).

TOBY TOBIAS

Fab 15, Winderr, good: (11-12) beat Espy (11-8) 1 1/2 (3m, chase, £5.150, 4 ran). Jan 9, Wincanton, good to soft: (11-10) best Ghoter (11-2) 4! (2m 5!, chase, £4,143, 5 ran). Dec 26, Kempton, good: see THE FELLOW.

Selection: CARVILLS HILL (nap)







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4.05 CHRISTIES FOXHUNTER CHASE CHALLENGE CUP (Amateurs: £16,310; 3m 2f) (25 runners) BETTING: 4-1 Dun Gay Lass, 5-1 Wall Garne, 5-1 Lovely Citizen, Fisise An Argument, 3-1 Finel Chant, Federal Trooper, 10-1 Mount Argue, Rushing Wild, 12-1 The Fled One. 14-1 others. 1991: LOVELY CITIZEN 9-12-0 W O'Sullivan (14-1) E O'Sullivan (ine) 18 ran A SERVICE OF THE PROPERTY OF T

Testing day on Catalan Open course

Chapman rides his luck and earns a share of the lead

IF EVER the golfing adage about "it's not how, it's how many needed proof, it found it in the first round of the Catalan Open yesterday. Five players shared the lead on 68 by the day's end, and at least four of them had different tales to tell about how they had negotiated their way through the manifold perils of the Mas Nou course.

Take, for example, Roger Chapman. One of the nearly men of the European tour, Chapman has long been ad-mired for his technique; the trouble is, he has never won anything within the shores of Europe. If the luck that rode with him yesterday is repeated in the next three days, that

might all change.
The fates smiled on him first on the par-five 8th. A big drive on the 507-yard hole, then a fliration with a lateral water hazard left him 75 yards from the hole in two with par looking a distant dream. In the event, it was no problem at all as his wedge soared, landed soft, hit the pin and bounced six inches CARD OF THE COURSE.

in 3,389 36 Total yardage: 6,800 away. Result: a wildly improbable birdie-four.

Having dropped a shot on the 10th, he retrieved the situation on the short 11th, where he missed the green on the right, and with more red figures looming, he tossed a neat little chip over a couple of trees and straight into the hole for another birdie. The next he also birdied by holing a 20-foot putt down slope.

Then there was Darren Clarke. The burly young man from Dungannon, Northern Ireland, has been suffering the odd horror with his driver, but salvation has come in the form of Martin Rowley, his new caddie. If anything, even more strapping than his boss, Rowley was kind but firm yesterday. In 18 holes he refused to let Clarke use his

brown as their own lawns

of Kent University, warned against the excessive use of sulphates and pesticides, but

awarded Brownie points on the strength of golf being

much less reliant on nitrogen

Hamilton Stutt, architect

of the first St Midlion course,

referred to the "utter non-sense" of so-called new

Dr Anne-Maria Brennan,

Drought rulings could affect golf

nd got into difficulties". Keith Derry, who had con-A SEMINAR organised by the British Institute of Golf Course Architects in London ducted a survey on behalf of vesterday turned out, after all. Essex authorities, had been "astonished" to learn that not to be merely a rallying call hosepipe bans did not apply in defence of the development to golf clubs. He estimated of the game. Certainly, every they used a million gallons every 60 days, 13.2 million speaker accepted the basic premise that what's good for golf is good for the country, but a number of warning gallons if the fairways were also watered. Golfers, he voices were raised. indicated, would have to get Keith Wright, secretary of used to fairways as bare and

the English Golf Union, set the ball rolling with a declaration that an R and A document, pinpointing the need for 700 new courses in the United Kingdom, had probebly overstated the case and brought the entrepreneur into the market place . . . and encouraged the opportunist non-expert, to enter the field of design, construction and

William Hillary, a golf several people "had followed didn't need them and he the R and A report blindly didn't want them.

driver. The strong-arm tactics worked to a tee, in a manner

Clarke found some idiosyncratic ways of playing - on the 526-yard, par-five 4th, for instance, he took a threewood, a seven-iron and a sand wedge to get on the green. A putt from six feet gave him the first of four birdles. He saved further shots at the 7th, 8th and 9th, and then, contrary to his na-ture, defended what he had won. Take a bonus, Mr

Johan Rystrom, of Sweden, then came in with a similar score and said that he had been a sufferer from what he called "the Swedish disease" great shot-making, awful putting. He is trying to put more feel into his putting, and from the way he rattled them in in this round, he

And now for Andrew Murray, whose methods were simple: hit the green, make the putt. He dropped only one shot, and included putts of 15 feet and 20 feet in an inward half of 32.

Finally, the lead was shared by Alfonso Pinero, of Spain. He might have had a story to tell, too, but to non-Spanish speakers he might just as well have been reading the tele-phone book out loud. Suffice it to say that he had five birdies, three bogeys — oh yes, and a hole in one. It's not how, it's how many.

Johan Tomba, of Sweden, banned from the European tour for ten years for chang-ing his score card in a tour school pre-qualifying tourna-ment at Quietwaters in Essex last autumn, has appealed against the ban, and has been allowed to enter for the Portu-

GLISSE UPOR: ILEKT WEEK.

LEADING FIRST ROUND SCOPIES (28)
and Intend unless stand; 68: A Pirese
(8)d, J. Rystom (Swe), R. Chepman, A
Aurray, D. Clarke, 88: M. Burneston (Swe), J
van de Welde (Fr), A Sherborne, E
O'Correst, P. Bales. 70: B healty (US),
Weschmister, A Castlemen (Fr), J. Penns
(8)w), J. Piwero (8)d, C. Moody. 71: 8
Campasconi (8), J. Folkinson, M. J. Nemez

10), E Hwitz, H. Baleschi (SA), 72: A Ivan,
L. Recorre (Arg), A Forebard (Swe), M.
Salby-Green, G. Day, W. Guy, D. Cooper, G.
Brond, Jr, M. Gestel, J. Seenott (Arg), J.
Custes (Arg).



Poised for greatness: When Rowens Roberts became British gymnastics champion at Crawley last weekend, she was not only the youngest woman to win the title, she was also one of the smallest (Peter Aykroyd writes). Aged 14, and standing less than 5ft, she beat the experienced Sarah Mercer by 0.575 of a mark.

Roberts, from Hounslow, is on co for the European championships in May and selection for the Olympic Games in July. Next week, she will take part in an international tournament at Cottbus in

Gareth Davies, her coach at Spelthorne gymnastics chub in Ashford, Middlesex, concentrates on perfecting basic movements and style in order to give his gymnasts what he calls "poise, clean lines and explanate he says is also and confidence". Roberts, he says, is also a natural performer, which complementsher determination. This is shown by her vibrant aptitude for the

Roberts was introduced to gymnastics aged five at informal movement classes. She took up the competitive sport at Heathrow gymnastics club before moving to Spelthome two and a half years ago. She trains six hours a day, six days a week, as well as attending Rectory School Hampton.

However, she comes from a family used However, she comes from a family used

to the demands of sport. Her sister, Stephanic, is a hurdler with Borough of Hounslow AC and her brother, Spencer, is a skater who trains with Chris Howarth, the forcer British champion, Roberts aims to perform well for Britain at the world championships, Commonwealth Games and World Cup. be British i

last year's world championships at

BOXING

Graham looks to make an impact in title challenge

FROM SRIKUMAR SEN IN PESARO, ITALY

toughest task of his career when he challenges Sumbu Kalambay, of Italy, for the European middleweight title here tonight.

Kalambay was the first man to beat Graham five years ago and relieve him of the European title. While it might have been smarter for the Sheffield boxer to have stayed at home and waited for world title bout, Graham decided that, in view of the fact that the champions, including Chris Eubank, keep avoiding him, his best plan would be to beat Kalambay and take over the Italian's No. 1 position in the world rankings — even if it meant coming to Italy to do it. Then the world champions would be forced to defend against

clings to the idea, even in these EC days, that fair play is not understood too well this side of the English Channel, Graham, like most British boxers, believes you have to knock out an Italian in Italy to earn a draw. Graham said: "I have never

been to Italy before, not even on holiday, but I know what to expect. I read some of our athletes have been complain-ing about dirty tricks the Italians got up to during the European indoor (athletics) championships in Genoa.

"I know I'm not going to be able to steal a decision, so I am prepared to nail him to the floor, twice if necessary. The crowd can't be more threatening than the Nigeri-ans and I went to Lagos and

The only trouble is that when Graham beat Hunter Clay in Lagos he was 23 years old. Now he is 32. Further, Graham is not a knockout artist and, as he was himself knocked out trying to dispose

HEROL Graham faces the of Julian Jackson, of the United States, in the fourth round in Spain 15 months ago, his boast about nailing Kalambay does not sound too convincing.

Graham did not impress against John Ashton, of Derby, even though he met him a year after the defeat by Jack-son. Even though he stopped Ashton in the sixth round, Graham was unable to put his shots together for the first four rounds and appeared more interested in wrestling than boxing.

However, it seems that Kalambay, who is 36, has also not been too steady on his feet. He was knocked out in one round by Michael Nunn and was even floored again in the first round, by Ashton, though the Italian did get up to stop Ashton on cuts in the

Graham's promoter, Mick-ty Duff, thinks his man will avenge the defeat because the last time they met at Wembley, Graham's tactics were all wrong. He did not have his friend, Brendan Ingle, in his corner and was boxing under instructions from B. J. Eastwood's Panamanian trainers. who told Graham to keep

going forward.
This time Ingles is back in his corner and Graham will be the old "Bomber" again. Graham will beat Kalambay so clearly that even here be will get the decision," Duff

dent yesterday. He said: "I still want the world title and that's why I'm going out to win." Hopefully, his southrelling effect as the arrow that split the apple, so well-re-membered by the people of this town, who are celebrating the two hundredth anniverasry of Gioacchino Rossini's birth here.

YACHTING

Conner's mast breaks

San Diego: The collapse of Stars & Striper's mast in the America's Cup defender eliminations was a setback to Dennis Conner's under-funded one-boat programme here on Tuesday (Bob Ross writes). The mast was his favourite, and although he has a spare. it is beavier in the top and does not perform as well.

new one, aithough Conner said the carbon fibre construction may allow the break

PSSULTS: Delender series: Third round robin: Americal (W Kosh) bit Stare & Sarpes (D Conney), retired. Positions: 1, Americal Spice; 2 Stare & Stripes, 11; 3. Deless (W Campbell), B. Chellenger series: Third round robin: New Zestand (R Davie) bit Spitt of Australia (P Girnour), and 10sec; Nappen (C Clobson) bit Ville (M Paris (M Spiro), 48epc; 1 Moro of Venezia (P

SPORTS LETTERS

Wickets should be counted

From Mr F. P. S. Phillips Sir. The arrangments in the cricket World Cup for determining results in shortened matches are clearly far from ideal. The problem arises from the misplaced focus on the runs-to-overs ratio and could be eradicated by instead assessing runs scored against wickets lost. This could be done by

crediting each batting side at the termination of its innings (whether as a result of the expiry of the full allocation of overs, bad light, rain or whatever) with a number of runs representing its unfallen wickets. In order to get the right balance, the values given to each wicket would need to be on a sliding scale to reflect the greater value of upper-order baismen compared to tailenders.

For each game a "par total" would be set. Let us say that for a 50-over game a par of 220 might be considered appropriate This would allow the first wicket to be valued at 40 runs, the second at 36, the third at 32, and so on down to 12, 8, 4 for eight. ninth and tenth wickets respectively - a total of 220 for all ten wickets.

Thus, a side batting first and scoring, say, 213 for seven would achieve a net score of 213+12+8+4-237, which would bear a side batting second whose innings was terminated at 152 for four (net score: 152+24+20

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beaten by a team scoring 126 for three (net score: 126 +28+24+20+16+12+8+4-238). Not only would this method appear to be more equitable to both sides, but it would encourage the bowling side to capture wickets rather than bowl simply to contain the bassman, as is all too often the case at present. This, in turn, might permit the abolition of the artificiality of the inner fielding ring.

Yours etc.. PATRICK PHILLIPS. Upper Farmhouse, Upton, Aylesbury, **Buckinghamshire**

Lost opportunity

From Mr Timothy Elliott Sir. The organisers of the World Cup have missed a marvellous marketing opportunity by selling viewing rights on an exclusive basis, in this country to BSkyB. I fear that short-term commercial gain has won over the long-term advantages that exposure of cricket to mass viewing would have achieved.

England's success in the competition has captured the imagination of sports fans. but what a shame when only a limited number can watch

Sports Letters may be sent by fax to 071-782 5046. They should include a daytime telephone number.

From Mr H. O. Dovey Sir, By the rules observed by referee Hildisch in the France v England rugby union game, two Welsh players should have been sent off at Twickenham last Saturday for illegal use of the boot against an English player. But referee Megson merely awarded penalties. No wonder the French

allege discrimination. Yours faithfully, 1 Nunnery Drive, Therford. Norfolk.

the drama as it unfolds on the other side of the world.

I am an avid fan and bought a satellite dish espe-cially for the World Cup. The pictures and commentary are lively and provocative, but the incessant commercials at every conceivable opportunity seriously downgrade the product. Is this really the way for television in the future?

Yours sincerely. Corfeira, 14 Pine Ridge Drive, Lower Bourne, Famham,

Accuracy needed

From Mr Alick Leggat

Sir, Further to your article on Sir George (Gubby) Allen and bodyline (March 5), some years ago he told me that, when asked by Jardine to bowl bodyline, he had refused

A member of Jardine's team was also present, and later in the day, recalling the conversation, commented: "Gubby was a fine bowler, but he could not have bowled bodyline when asked to by Jardine."

Sir George was a fine Bramhali, cricketer and, whether his Cheshire

England match the best

Mr Prewett's comments (Sports Letters, March 5) regarding the present Eng-lish rugby union side. The period from November 1988 to the present day has without

doubt been the most successful for any English side.
He refers to England's "easy run" in the past couple of seasons. In fact, nothing could be further from the truth. A near grand slam in 1990 after playing arguably the best rugby of the championship, a grand slam in 1991 with testing matches against both Ireland and France, a difficult tour to Australia before the World Cup, with the most gruelling of schedules before being defeated by a great Austra-

From MrP. A. Schoonenberg
Sir, I have to take issue with
Mr Prewett's comments slam straight afterwards in 1992. This is indeed a schedule to test even a team of

Indianapolis.

England's stature.
While comparisons between the present English side and the great Welsh sides of the 1970s are wholly inappropriate, I would say that the extra demands of today's game, notably the greater fitness, speed and defence required, would mean that several of those Welsh "greats" would be struggling for places in the present English side.

Yours faithfully PAUL SCHOONENBERG, 44 Fairlight, Uxbridge Road, Hampton Hill, Middlesex.

Better service

From Mr M. Varcoe-Cocks Sir, In the discussions about countering serving power (report, February 24; Sports Letters, February 27) two important points have been ignored.

First, the serving of clean aces does not depend on power alone: accuracy - hit-ting the ball wide of the receiver's forehand or backhand - is crucial.

Second, Goran Ivanisevic touring colleague was correct

in this judgment, the fact remains that Larwood's bodyline demanded far more than mere speed. Pinpoint accuracy was also essential. Time has softened the illfeelings that were generated between England and Australia, but in retrospect it would have been better never

to have happened. Sincerely, ALICK LEGGAT. No. 2 Flat, One Dak Court. Ladybrook Road.

and Guy Forget, who head the aces-served and aces-per-match statistics, are both lefthanders. A receiver has to go further to return on his back-hand and left-handed servers have a built-in advantage in serving across right-handers' bodies past their backhands.

Ivanisevic's extraordinary number of aces in his win against Becker on the slow courts of Roland Garros a couple of years ago shows that accuracy is at least as important as power - and being left-handed helps. Yours faithfully,

M. D. VARCOE-COCKS. 5 Brackenbury Road, W6. From Dr Aileen K. Adams

Sir, Tennis players should not have the luxury of two services; no other sport allows this. Batsmen are out following their first error, football players do not get two kicks at goal or two throw-ins, nor golfers two shots. They all have to get it right first time. Why should tennis players not do likewise? Yours faithfully. AILEEN K. ADAMS, 12 Redwood Lodge,

Grange Road, Cambridge.

HOCKEY

Greenwood leads the way to title

Durham University ... Exeter University 1

DURHAM recovered the

BY SYDNEY FRUKIN

Commercial Union UAU championship after 18 years at Reading yesterday with a well-deserved victory over Exeter in the final. James Greenwood scored

all three goals for Durham, who led 1-0 at half-time having by then acquired more fluency in attack. Exeter made a spirited ef-

it was not enough. Three mintites before the end they lost Abrahams, who injured his neck in a fall, and play was held up for about ten minutes before the ambulance arrived to take him to hospital.

Greenwood gave Durham the lead in the 21st minute after his first shot was saved by the goalkeeper. Barker set up the chance for him to score the second in the 37th minute. Abrahams cut the lead from a short corner eight minutes later, but in the 52nd minute, Greenwood increased Durham's lead from another short corner.

Durham, who had not lost a match since last October when they were beaten by Brooklands, looked the more fluent side yesterday. in the women's final,

Loughborough defeated Not-tingham 4-0. Kate Elliot scored twice from short corners in the first half and Sarah Naylor scored twice from open play in the second. DURHAM UNIVERSITY: 5 Burnary, J Stott, D Van der Plas, M La Compte, D Maine, P Paten, J Bacher, T Sendon, J Streamsout, P Gomen, B Chara, INCETER USEVERSITY: 3 Pends, O Boothe, S Wadde, P Turley, D Cross, R Houghter, P Hodson, C Abrahama, P Matton, D Allord (sub: N Colmen), J Boyce (sub: G HIR), Umpires: P MacDonald and Viey Terms (Southern Counties). CRICKET

Morris anchors a steady response

FROM RICHARD STREETON IN POINTE-A-PIERRE

HUGH Morris, the captain, made a chanceless if stolid half-century as England A made slow progress against Trinidad on the second day of their three-day match here yesterday. England's batting was laboured by comparison with their opponents, whose first innings of 257 the previ-ous day was made in under

Shortly before tea, England were 210 for three and were not helped by a disappointing over-rate, despite Trinidad using two leg spinners at one end for most of the time. In two hours before lunch England added 70 from 27 overs. They had resumed at 51 for one and lost Rhodes, the nightwatchman, in the second over of the day and Ramprakash to the last ball before lunch.

and faced 117 balls in his first 50 runs, missed several attempted sweeps against the leg spin of Dhanraj and Ashmead Jumadeen, who is a nephew of the former Test left-arm spinner, Raphick Jumadeen. Both spinners turned the ball freely and Morris seldom looked at ease against them.

Morris, who hit five fours

He was more confident

against the fast bowlers, Antoine and Elvin. Antoine, tall

and lean, had Rhodes caught behind pushing forward to the first ball he faced when play resumed.

Ramprakash was in a re-strained mood as he helped Morris add 68 in 25 overs. He was caught behind off the bat's shoulder and may have been distracted by a hooter from the nearby oil refinery. Johnson looked untroubled by his groin strain. running several short singles.

Total (3 wkts) 210
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Graham did nor as a manager for the first time as a manager for the first time. against John Ashina on Tuesday night when Plymora after the default in a second division relegation match at Home Park.

While Shilton tasted victory in only his second much in charge of Plymouth, Denis Smith experienced defeat in his first in control of City, 24 hours after being appointed manager.

Marshall scored the goal that lifted Argyle out of the demotion zone, leaving City feet. He was known ביאל אינה פעצה (1000g) ב second from bottom. Blackburn Rovers are proving that wealth is no guarantee of happiness. Top of the second division they may be, but after dropping ten possible points from their past four fixtures, their rivals are

was told Graham a month-old umbeaten home Cambridge United stay third despite a surprise home who assuaged their relegation anxieties with a 2-0 win. United benefited from having Quinn back in the attack for the second time after five months out with injury and Peacock. Kelly then made it

who plunged to his death

from the roof at Turf Moor

after attempting to retrieve a ball on Tuesday (Louise Tay-

Burnley lost the fourth divi-

St Etienne: Miguel Indurain,

the Paris-Nice race when he

took the overall lead in the

fourth stage, a 26.5km team

squad lost by 04sec to

another Spanish team.

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SQUASH RACKETS

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JANSHER Khan, the world

No. 2, victorious in five of

seven events this season, is

The Spaniard's Banesto

time trial.

or Indurain to depose the Swiss, Tony Rominger, the defending Paris-Nice

Burnley lost the fourth division leadership to Biackpool, who beat struggling Aldershot 1-0 at home. Blackpool and Mansfield Town — who beat Northampton Town 2-0 at home — went joint top, a Celtic manager, Liam Brady

CYCLING

Team rides Induráin

The least who are at LANCASHIRE police vester-

day launched an enquiry into

Know and the the death of Ben Lee, aged know a number 17, an apprentice footballer

and the time to the optional black tipe they were without a game.

On Tuesday they were held

Valuable maiden victory cheers manager Shilton

PETER Shilton was a winner two against a below-strength

Cambridge.
Chariton Athletic ployed to fourth thanks to a 2-1 win at Swindon Town, whose play-off hopes seem to be fading. Back at the bottom. Brighton enjoyed an important 1-0. win, their fifth successive yictory, at Grimsby Town. A poor game was decided by Walker's sumning second-

half volley. In the first division, Arsenal sustained their slender chance of qualifying for Europe by defeating Oldham Athletic 2-1 at Highbury Wright and Merson put them two up in front of Highbury's lowest crowd of the season 22.096 - before Ritchie, the Oldham substitute, scored a late goal. But Arsenal were cheering before the finish when O'Leary stepped off the bench to register his 700th

Other than that there was little to distinguish an ill tempered game - culminating in a woochline confrontation be-Willie Donachie, the assistant manager and coach of Arsenal and Oldham respectively — played in a bitter

Joe Kinnear's appointment as manager of Wimbledon was marked by a goalless draw with Everton at ceived as warm a reception

Police examine death fall

In the third division, Breat

ford scorned a chance to us-

sume pole position; losing 1-0 at Birmingham City, who badly needed the three points which lifted them to fifth —

courtesy of Matthewson's

moved to fourth thanks to a 4-

2 win at Chester Chip but Leyton Orient a play off hopes faded with a 2-1 home defeat to Swansea Chy.

held since Sunday in the

Indurain, the Paris-Nice

winner in 1989 and 1990.

starts the fifth of the eight

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to Marseilles (181km) with a

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his French team-mate, Jean-

☐ Eric Breukink, of The

Netherlands, won the open-

ing stage of the Tirreno-

Adriatico, an 8km time trial

at Ostia, by 0.4sec from An-

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François Bernard.

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lor writes).

As a mark of respect, Burns a _ Peterbosough - Unifed

Team rides Induráin

into Paris-Nice lead

point ahead of Burnley.

ate, and then shivered along with them as the teams pro-

doesd a match almost devold of incident and interest. Johnston, Everton's £1.5 million forward, was an iso-lated intelligence in attack and it was no surprise when he was withdrawn after an

Aston Villa's recent miser able scoring record was ex-tended at Notis County where a penalty by Staunton was saved by Cherry. Villa have now managed to

score just once in their past. nine League games. A point from the 0-0 draw was sufficient to lift County out of the bottom three: '> Graham Kelly, the FA general secretary, and Michel Platini, the French manager, are urging FIFA, the game's governing body, to introduce sudden-death goals to decide

drawn matches after normal time — the first goal in extra time would end the match, as in ice hockey. They made their suggestion as members of a FIFA study group set up to analyse the game. Sepp Blatter, the FIFA general secretary, said the idea could be tested at next

hip in Australia. Platini also suggested that instead of sending a player off for a serious foul, a penalty should be awarded to the opposing team. He felt teams were seldern weakened by the

However, Celtic may be put

off by Sunderland's asking price of 21 million for the

Republic of Ireland Under-

Brady's request for a trans-

Arthur Hughes, a goal-keeper with Tottenhan.

Blackburn, Rochdale and Crystal Palace between 1946

and 1951, died at his home in

Sheffield Polytechnic .. 16

Newcastle Polytechnic.. 6

BY MICHAEL AUSTIN

THE Sheffield rugby union

team survived lean times in

the set-pieces and made vastly

superior use of a diagonal

wind to win the British Poly-

technics Cup for the second

time in three years by beating

Newcastle, the holders, at

A zestful match yielded two

tries, the first a pushover by

Beeston yesterday.

Colwyn Bay, aged 73.

year's world youth champion-



Wanted man: Andreas Möller, whom Fifa decided must play for Juventus

Möller fined over transfer

tracht Frankfurt's German international midfield play-er, yesterday was fined SwFr20,000 by Fife for "incorrect transfer negotiations" with Juventus Torino. fer was granted after his frus-tration at failing to command a regular first team place at Sunderland.—Idespite his of Fifa's players' status committee ruled that Möller a regular first fram place at must join Juventus if the ItalSunderland despite his of the control of the state up an option potential, and his poon, option on him by March 31.

Itarity with the Rober Park, wiser and Eintrach's business. indefinitely from all Fifa ac-

tivities because of his in-volvement in the deal. Fifa,

football's world governing

body, also dismissed claims

Vanston, a replacement wing, who had earlier played for the

winning Sheffield side in the

He swept over from a miss-

move executed by Hill, a fig-

ure of increasing influence on

the match, and Baxendell, with Judds, the full back,

serving a perfect try-scoring

indiscretions with two long-range penalty goals from dif-

Hill punished Newcastle's

STUDENT SPORT

Newcastle suffer under Hill's boot

Burnett, the Newcastle scrum half and captain, just before half-time. The other was from from the transfer of his tactical kicking.

they had legitimately signed Möller from Juventus.

Möler signed an option deal with Juventus in April 1990. He accepted a pay-ment of DM900,000 from the ciub. Fifa said that signing the option contract proved Mölici's willingness to change clobs

Soren Lerby and Gerd-Volker Schook vesterday be-came the seventh and eighth their jobs this season.

Bayern Munich dismissed Lerby and appointed Brich Ribbeck aged 54, a former Bayer Leverkusen player.

Newcastle's defeat had

more than an accidental

touch of the self-destruct but-

ton. Their sizeable pack, fea-

turing Gibbs and Owen, won

abundant possession before

half-time but poor punting by their half backs, together with Sheffield's incisive counter-

attacking, restricted them to

only one scrum on the oppos-

scored a try, converted by

From this Burnett duly

Hamburger SV, who have dropped to fourteenth place in the 20-team first division. No replacement was

AC Milan, the Italian league leaders, have offered Marco Van Basten, Rund Gullit and Frank Rijkaard, extension on their contracts Gullit and Rijknard report-edly were each offered twobillion lire, and Van Basten 15 billion lire for three years, but the spokesman said no sums had yet been mentioned. (Agencies)

sive shove, which served only

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SCORERS: Shelfield Polytechnic: Try Vanaton. Penalty goels: Hill (S). Dropped goel: Hill. Newcasile Polytechnic: Try flometi. Conversion: Meditural.

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Paparemborde fails to reach early objectives

RUGBY UNION

By Our Sports Staff

Paris: Robert Paparem- Paris on Wednesday to study borde, the man who engineered a French rugby revolution just three months ago, admitted on Wednesday that the new regime had failed to meet its early

objectives. Paparemborde, the former French captain, speaking at a news conference four days after France lost 10-6 to Scotland at Murrayfield, said: "We have to confess to failure in our short-term objectives.

"Perhaps we had some illusions about our potential. We went into the five nations tournament with high aims, but we couldn't send a French team out saying that we couldn't win.'

Murrayfield followed a 31-13 defeat in Paris last month to England, who went on to win a second successive Grand

Paparemborde was apointed general manager of the French team in Decemher after being largely instrumental in overthrowing Albert Ferrasse, the controversial French Rugby Federation (FFR) president, who had been in power for 23 years.

"It's partly the older players who didn't live up to expecta-tions," Paparemborde said, clearly pointing the finger at three of his threequarter line who disappointed against the Scots - Philippe Sella, the captain, Franck Mesnel and Jean-Baptiste Lafond.

The French pack dominated the match but the usually fluent French backs could not make use of the large share of failed to score a try.

Pierre Berbizier, the coach, called the backs and halves to

video tapes of the match and take part in a training session behind closed doors. Berbizier said the players had discussed their performance and had recognised their own individual failures.

"We needed to wash our dirty linen in private," he said. "By expressing themselves they got rid of their frustrations which is the best way to prepare for the next

On Tuesday, Berbizier named an unchanged squad of 21 for the final five nations match, at home to Ireland on March 21, resisting calls for the return of Patrice Lagisquet, the wing and Didier Camberabero, the stand-off, who have not played for France since losing their places through injury in last October's World Cup.

Berbizier said he had not finally discarded the pair but did not feel they were playing well enough to face Ireland. But he hinted that they could return for tour of Argentina in June, or for his next main objective, victory over South Africa, whose return to international competition will be marked by a tour of France in October.

Richard Wallace, the Ireland wing, scored fourtries during a least of scoring in annual Mobbs match which the Barbarians beat the East Midlands 52-29 at Northampton, yesterday.

The Barbarians, who fielded eight international players, scored three tries in the final six minutes to smuff out a enterprising fight back by the East Midlands in which Wayne Shelford, of New Zea-land, scored two tries.

BADMINTON

Troke eliminated in first round

HELEN Troke, the most more," she said. The Barcelosuccessful English singles na cut-off date is only seven player of the 1980s, saw her weeks away. Meanwhile, chances of qualifying for the Olympic Games diminish when she was beaten in the first round of the Yonex All-England championships at

Wembley yesterday. The England No. 1 lost 11-1, 12-11 to Liao Zhiqin, a Chinese teenager making her first Wembley appearance. Troke, twice the winner of European and Commonwealth titles and four times an All-England quarter-finalist said she may retire after next year's world champion-

"It's very disappointing because you build up for big tournaments. There just aren't any easy matches any

MEY'S SINGLES

Troke's main rivals for the two British qualifying places

Fiona Smith, who regained the English national title last month, won a repeat of the Commonwealth Games final against Denyse Julien, of Canada, 11-12, 11-2, 11-5.

Joanne Muggeridge went through when Christine Skropke, of Germany, retired, while Suzanne Louis, almost scored the best win of her career. She led 7-1 in the final game against Juliani Santoso, the Asian champion, and was twice within inches of reaching match point before losing 11-2, 4-11, 12-10.

BESULTS FROM WEMBLEY

MEN'S SINGLES
First round: J Obson (Swe) bt J Maller (Scot), 15-4, 15-9; Ahn Jas-Chang (Kor) bt K Soott (Scot), 15-9; 15-1; D Singles (Grin) bt P Seperate (Den), 11-15, 15-1; 15-5; H Mortoyatha (Japan), 15-1, 15-1; 15-5; H Mortoyatha (Japan), 15-1, 15-1; 15-1; 15-5; Word (CS) bt I Sydie (Con), 15-5; 15-5; Word (Can), 15-1, 15-5; Word (CS) bt I Sydie (Con), 15-1, 15-5; Word (CS), 15-1;

Neisen (Eng) bt Ong Ewe Hock (Asiay-sia), 15-11. 15-8. J Van Dyk (Neth) bt C Overbeck (Den), 15-7. 11-18. J 7-15; D Humble (Carr) bt C Steamberg (Den), 15-2. 15-9; A Warantia (Indo) bt F Machida (Japan), 15-8, 15-10. Hamble (Lapan), 15-8, 15-10. 15-7. Lipequist bt Shattacharya, 15-8, 15-10; Antropov Molotyerra, 15-2, 15-5; Lee Kwang-Jin bt Jantti, 15-4, 15-13. Wu Wentai bt Wong, 15-4, 15-12; Park Sung-Woo bt Pandys, 15-11, 15-1.

15-4, 15-12; Park Sung-Woo or Panoys, 15-11, 15-1.

WOMEN'S SINGLES
First round: Ye Zhaoying (China) bi T Jerkins (NZ), 11-0, 11-3; H Anderseii (Den) w/o H Kohara (Japan), acr. J Bradbury (Eng) bi A Lao (Aus.), 3-11, 12-9, 11-2; G Sommer (Den) bi H Yach (Japan), abit 11, 11-6, 11-3; F Shith (Eng) bi D Julien (Can), 11-12, 11-3, 11-5; A Gabson (Scor) bit M Besht (India), 5-11, 11-9, 11-6; J Muggendige (Eng) bi C Skroptor (Gar), 11-4, 7-2, rd.; E Van Den Heurel (Neth) bit A Humby (Eng), 12-11, 11-2; C Martin (Den) bit H Castor (Aus), 11-2, 11-2; A Van Der Knisen (Neth) bit Gen), 11-1, 11-3; T Histor (Japan) bit S Hore (Eng), 11-6, 11-6; E Coene (Neth) bit T Berg (Den), 11-5, 11-4, J Sanoso (India) bit S Louis (Eng), 11-4, 3-4, 11, 12-(0; E Ryblane (CS) bit L Thompsen (Den), 11-2, 11-5.

Phone 081 742 9777 for details

sored by Hi-Tec, at Wembley month (Colin McQuillan writes). SEEDS: Men: 1, Jansher Khan (Pak); 2, C Dittmer (Aus); 3, R Martin (Aus); 4, C Robertson (Aus); 5, B Martin (Aus); 6, S Elopuro (Fin); 7, T Nancerrow (Aus), 8, R Norman (N/2); 9, R Eyiss (Aus); 10, M Mactean (Seot); 11, D Hernic (Eng); 12, P Marshell (Eng); 13, S Parke (Eng); 14, C Wafker (Eng); 15, 3 Beeson (Eng); 14, C Wafker (Eng); 15, B Beeson (Eng); 16, A Davies (Wales); Women: 1, S Devoy (N/2); 2, R Lembourne (Aus); 3, M Le Mognan (Eng); 4, M Mortin (Aus); 5, L Opie (Eng); 6, S Wright (Eng); 9, H Wallace (Cen); 10, D Drady (Aus); 11, S Homer (Eng); 12, F Geeves (Eng); 13, R Best (Irc), 14, S FitzGerald (Aus); 15, L Soutter (Eng); 16, S Bradey (Aus).

Late results on Tuesday.

BARCLAYS LEAGUE First division:
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County 0. Astron Villa 0. Whithliston 0.
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division: Bournemouth 2. Torquity 1.
Birmingham 1. Brentford 0. Bouton 0.
Stockport 0. Bradford 1. Easter 1; Chester 2.
Peterborough 4: Derington 2. Reading 4.
Fulham 1. Huddersfield 0. Layton
Orient 1. Swindon 0. Preston 0. Fourth
division: Blackpool 1. Aldershel 0. Cardiff 2. Gillingham 2. Cartisla 1. Barries 1.
2. Gillingham 2. Cartisla 1. Barries 2.
Scunthorps 0. Rotherham 3. Concessor 1.
Vincolum 2. Section out; 0. Postponed; Vork v Burnley. top seed in the absence of the defending champion, Jahangir Khan, for the British Open championships, spon-Wiedem 2, Soanborough U. Pourpoise:
York v Bursley.

B AND Q SCOTTISH LEASUE: Premise
division: Hibernian 1, Trangers 3. First
division: Crydebenk 0, Parlick 2. Post-poned: Morton v Kilmemock. Second
division: Ablom 1, Allos 3, Postponed:
Clyde v Queen of the Sornit: Dumbiston v
East Stringshire.

LATEST SCORES, REPORTS, & INTERVIEWS THROUGHOUT

UEFA UNDER 21 CHAMPIONSHIP-Quarter-final, first leg: Germany 1, Scotland 1.

UEFA UNDER 21 CHAMPIONSHIP-Guarter-final, first leg: Germany 1, Sociand 1.
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STHIMAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Newmarket Town 2, Clackon Town 0, The MOTTHERS COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Reper Town 2, Pontefract Col 2.
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CROATIAN LEAGUE HASK Gradjaneló Zagreb 3, Zadar 0; Celjek 0, Istra Pula 1; Inker Zapresic 6, Sibenik 0; Varigide Vanizzin 2, Zagreb 1; Hajduk Spite 9.
Dubrowsik 0; Rijeka 1, Cibeta Vinicoci 0.
Leading positions (after 3 games); 1.
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Rijeka, 5.

BILLIARDS

BOXING BURY: Welterweight (eliminator in United 1999). Tony Elubia (Menchester) bi Esmon Loughan (Sallymens), cloq 5th. (8 mch): Robert Wright (Dudley) bi Enrol Indonesia (No. Robert Wright (Dudley) bi Enrol Indonesia (No. Robert Chairman, Ko. St. Light-reddensession: 5 Foster (Saltord) bit M Philips (Warrington), mo 4th; W Stown (Burnisy) bit B Bennett (Aylesbury), pits. Super-middle-weight: M Jolly (Alfreton) bit J Price (Botton), leo 3rd.

STEVENAGE: English women's cham-plonehipe: Pairs: finat: Croydon (E Vigor and 7 Barton) 18, Derlington (G Summers and V Branson) 15. Champion of Champions: Senti-finat: L. Woodley (Desborough, Meldenhead) 21, J. Byford (Tibury) 20. Finat: Woodley bt L. Jarman (Cambridge Chosterion), 21-18. CYCLING

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Sportscast, the satellite television company broadcasting to clubs and pubs, has been closed down. After failing to sell the business, British Aerospace decided against investing the £20 million needed to make it profitable. It had 1,200 outlets and

mainly covered racing but was making inroads into football **Younis fill-in**

Cricket: Surrey have signed

Rudi Bryson, aged 23, a fast bowler with Eastern Province, as cover for Wagar Younis.

Indoor success Bowls: Lorraine Woodley a

former national outdoor champion, won the All England Champion of Champions singles event at Stevenage by beating Lynda Jarman. the 1986 indoor champion. 21-18.

Classes retained Yachting: The Royal Ocean Racing Club is to retain the three IOR grand-prix classes for next year's Champagne Mumm Admiral's Cup after a poll suggested that at least ten national teams will be competing in Cowes.

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Trap door closing on Australia

THE champions are drawing their last breaths. Come the weekend, Australia's defence of the World Cup will probably have ended, and in such ignominy as this country could scarcely have

There was a time, no more than a few weeks ago, when opinion here had it that the Australians needed only to turn up, don the yellow pyja-mas and go through their well-practised routine for the cup to be retained.

Who, after all, was going to beat them, unless it was the talented but delicate Pakistanis? Well, last night in Perth. Pakistan did beat Australia but, such have been the upsets of this competition, it was enough only to keep their own semi-final prospects flickering at the expense of their bewildered hosts.

Imran Khan, Pakistan's leader and motivator, came out for the toss wearing a teeshirt with an angry tiger printed on it. "The tiger is always most dangerous when cornered," he said obliquely.

His players got the message and their performance, while far from awesome, was plenty good enough for an Austra-lian side operating like a car in need of new spark plugs. Australia are not yet out.

Not quite. But their fate is no longer in their own hands. Even if they win their remain-ing two games, they may still fall short of the semi-finals, for their net run-rate plunged further last night and if it comes to a tie-break, they will almost certainly be the losers.

Looking resigned to his fate. Allan Border, the captain, was typically candid. "We are languishing at the bottom and that is our just dessert." he said. "I felt the target was gettable tonight but we just weren't good

"I don't think there's any way we can get through now, the way the points are. In fact it might be a travesty if we did get through the way we are playing. Everyone's flat and we can't produce the good cricket we have over the last four years. Perhaps we have

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Border's honesty has been a feature of this World Cup. No one can accuse him of gracelessness in defeat and his bearing under stress has almost been enough to make an Englishman sympathetic. Certain of his team-mates, however, have not been quite In a match which bared its

nerve-ends from first to last, lan Healy, the wicketkeeper, once more indulged in posturing gamesmanship to dispute various calls of "wide" during the Pakistan innings. Border was also curious

over the interpretations of the South African umpire, Karl Liebenberg, but his method was to have a quiet and dignified discussion with him. Liebenberg found himself

involved in another incident with the match all but over. Somehow, he adjudged Mike Whitney had not hit a leg break from Mushtaq Ahmed. Words were exchanged between batsman and wicketkeeper and Whitney, who could never be called uncompetitive even during a hopeless last-wicket stand. managed to look absurdly ag-gressive with everyone for one over, before shaking hands all round when he was bowled, to end the game, in the next.

Whitney was perhaps not an inspired selection for this tournament but he is not alone in that, and there is more to the Australians' plight than personnel. The things which, for four years since the last World Cup, they have done as second nature have, quite suddenly, been

Losing the toss yesterday was a blow, but not a mortal one. Imran suggested later that the ball had moved around much more in the evening session. He might have added that his bowlers also used the conditions better, bowling a fuller length.

Reid did have Aamir caught behind off a no ball before he had scored, but McDermott, his face almost obliterated by yellow zinc cream, was left, as usual, to the one man to whom Border could turn for comfort.

Aamir went on to make 76. Ramiz shared an opening stand of 78 in 20 overs and Miandad, although suffering the effects of his stomach disorder, joined Aamir in an inventive stand of 77 for the

third wicket. From there, Pakistan should comfortably have made 250. Not for the first time, the rest of their batting crumbled, and if the danger ous Inzamam-ul-Haq was a victim of a dreadful run out decision, others had no such

Six wickets went down for 27 in the final six overs and credit is due to the iceberg. Steve Waugh, for a second spell of three for 14.

On such a good pitch, 220 did not seem enough, especially as Pakistan were trying to get by with the round-arm slingers of Ijaz Ahmed as a fifth bowler If their attack was thin, however, it was no thinner than Australia's con-



Stooped and conquered: Border, the Australian captain, bends the knee yesterday after misfielding the ball in Perth as his team sinks to another humiliating World Cup defeat at the hands of Pakistan

fidence. Marsh was fretfully strokeless, especially after Moody and Boon had been snared by a fine spell of outswingers from Aqib Javed. and although Jones looked to be deciding the match with a crucially lost patience against

the developing leg spin of Mushtaq Ahmed. Suddenly, there was calamity, as Marsh flapped and fell Steve Waugh was out to the sort of leg side catch which happens only when you are down. Four viral wirkers had gone for 14.

There was no way back for Australia and it seems highly back for them in a tournament they were expected to dominate. Pity Border, for the knives are being sharpened even now.

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after occupying 34 overs for 39. Border failed again and

Perth: Aamir Sohail and Moin Khan, of Pakistan, and Mike Whitney, of Australia, were each fined Aus\$250 (about £110) for misconduct during the World Cup match

here yesterday. Sohail, who won the manof-the-match award for his innings of 76, received a severe reprimand and his fine from the code-of-conduct commissioner. Wally Lang-

Three players fined Kingsley Preston, for disputing an umpire's decision involving David Boon.

> Whitney and Moin received identical punishments for an incident near the end of the match. The pair clashed after the umpire, Karl Liebenberg, turned down an appeal against Whitney for a catch by the wicketkeeper. Moin. (Reuter)

Gooch on course for Wellington

Methourne: Graham Gooch could be back in charge of England's World Cup campaign by the weekend. The captain has set his sights on playing against New Zealand in Wellington on Sunday after being given the go-ahead to resume light

Gooth, aged 38, threw the England camp into some alarm by limping off the field in Ballarat during the victory over Sri Lanka on Monday. But his left hamstring. which suffered a minor tear. is responding so well to treatment from the team physiotherapist, Lawrie Brown, that

There was no doubting the captain's disappointment at missing out on today's histor ic meeting with South Africa, he was able to face gentle bowling in the nets yesterday.
"I can still feel a slight

"I never thought I would get the opportunity to play an official match against them," Gooch said. He was banned from international cricket for three years after joining an unauthorised tour to the re-public in 1981-2. "Now it's highly unlikely I will ever face them, unless we happen to meet in the semi-linals or

sensation in the leg but, given

a few more days taking it

steadily, I hope I'll be all right

to play against New Zea-land," Gooth said.

Such is Gooth's impor-

tance as both captain and

and opening batsman that

the same safety-first policy will be followed on Sunday if

there is any fitness doubts. Gooch would still have next

Wednesday's final qualifying

round match against Zimba

bwe in Albury to warm-up for

the semi-finals

South Africa yesterday announced an unchanged lineup for the day-night match against England. The only doubt had been over Peter Kirsten, leading scorer so far in the tournament, who is still troubled by a calf muscle iniury. Winston Benjamin, the

final of this competition."

West Indian fast bowler, is rejoining Leicestetshire on a one-year contract as a replacement for John Maguire. eight weeks to produce a fi-

Scotland will have Smith fit for Cardiff

BY ALAN LORIMER

SCOTLAND have made only one change from the side that defeated France 10-6 at Murtayfield last Saturday in their team to meet Wales in Cardiff on March 21. Ian Smith, the Gloucester captain, returns at open-side flanker in place of Rob Wainwright, who reverts to the replacements' bench for

Derek Turnbull. The stitches in the hand wound that forced Smith to withdraw from the side for the game against France have now been removed. He is hoping to play for his club in the Courage Clubs Champ-ionship match against Northampton at Kingsholm on

At yesterday's team announcement at Murrayfield, Duncan Paterson, the Scotland manager, emphasised how important Smith has been to the side. "We recognise the value of a genuine open-side flanker and especially one who is playing every week in that position in the testing conditions of English first division rugby," he said: Paterson also mentioned Neil Edwards in the same context. "Neil thinks about the game; his positive attitude rubs off on the others."

The selectors resisted the option of playing Wainwright on the blind-side flank where, in any case, David McIvor has done a good job. It seems now that his future will be in

the third back-row position. 'He has an excellent chance to come on as a No. 8 on tour in Australia," Paterson said. Paterson confirmed that Derek White has made himself unavailable for the Antipodean tour, for which the injured Gary Armstrong and

Graham Marshall would also Reflecting on Scotland's win over France, Paterson said: "Ten years ago that is a game we would have lost. For all the ball France won on Saturday they didn't score a try, simply because our overall organisation is so much better in coping defensively with such problems as the rolling maul.

"We will be going to Cardiff looking to finish second in the championship. Given the problems we had just before the start of the international season with retirements and injuries that would be a big achievement for us. But Wales are still a reasonably good side and we expect the match in Cardiff to be very

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Rees is selected to play London Irish

GARY Rese has been named in Nottingham's team to play London Irish on Saturday despite facing a charge of grievous bodily harm over an injury received by Stefan Marty when the clubs met in January. Marty's jaw was broken, he lost teeth and suffered damage to facial nerves. Rees is expected to appear in gourt later this month.

Rees, who has 23 caps for England, has to undergo a choulder tonight.

obviously a background to this match and we considered the situation. I saw the incident and in my view it was unfortunate, but there is no reason why he should not play for this club. If we had any doubts about Gary's character, it would be

London Irish welcomed the decision. A spokesman, Kieran McCarthy, said: "We are It's not an issue of London Ken Thomas, the Notting- Irish versus Gary Rees."

Aldershot close to final whistle

BY LOUISE TAYLOR

THE demise of Aldershot football club seems virtually certain next week. On Tuesday the diub is scheduled to be evicted from the Recreation Ground by the local council and on Wednesday it is expected to be wound up in

the High Court. Although the fourth division club has only nine professional players — they have not been paid since before Christmas - on its books, a League spokesman yesterday said it expected its match at home to Lincoln City to go ahead on Saturday.
"Aldershot are keeping us

informed of their position and we have heard nothing to suggest Saturday's match will not happen," he said. "The League has no regulations as to how many professionals a team needs. Aldershot cannot be that weak because they only lost to Blackpool, the fourth division leaders, by 1-0 on Tuesday night." If Aldershot do die, their League record this season will

be expunsed. Michael McRitchie, the chairman of Northampton Town, was yesterday given nancial package to save the debt-ridden fourth division club. A winding up petition at

Nonhampton county court granted the club's request of a two-month adjournment. McRitchie said that he had . two potential rescue plans in the offing, the first involving two local businessmen, the other revolving around Draycott Stadiums Ltd., a building company, winning the contract to build a council stadium in the town, and then investing a substantial sum in the club.

The winding-up petition was brought by a local printing firm and supported by 12 other creditors including Northamptonshire police. who are owed E38,000, and the Customs and Excise. The total liability of the

winding up order is understood to be over £100,000. while Northampton's total debts are close to £1 million. The future of another fourth divison club, Walsall, has been assured by £250,000 grant from their local council yesterday.

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Stolen Cheques.

Nationwide Building Society regret to inform the public that the following blank branch cheques were stolen during a raid at: Hill House Hammond Agency, connected to Leigh-on-Sea branch, 202 London Rd., Hadleigh, Essex, Cheque numbers 004225 to 004250 inclusive No. 53 account). These cheques are not valid and must not be accepted. If you have

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After a lengthy spell out injured, Aoulta returned to

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Aouita holds four outdoor

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Aouita breaks world record

British athlete fails drug test

THE British Athletic Federation (BAF) confirmed yesterday that a British athlete recently returned a positive sample in a drugs test (David Powell writes). If the B (secand) sample confirms the A sample, the athlete will become the first to have failed a test at a meeting in Britain.
The athlete, who is under-

stood to be a field events competitor, was tested at the AAA of England indoor championships in Birmingham four weeks ago, where he was among the medal wig-

ners. Selected to compete for Britain in the match against the United States this Saturday, he was withdrawn from the team when sample analysis became known. Mindful of legal threats made by Katrin Krabbe fol-

lowing her four-year suspension by the German federation, the BAF has declined to name the athlete. Jeff Gumeridge, the previous British international athlete to fail a drugs test. necomés eligible for competi-

tion sext month.

Gutteridge, a pole vaulter, was banned for life in 1988 after being tested while training in Lanzarote but, since then, Britain has replaced life suspensions with four-year ones.

The Sports Council, which administers testing in Britain, said yesterday that 638 tests were conducted in athleties last year, 545 of them in competition spread over 70 events.



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As yet another city celebrates the

glories of its industrial past,

George Hill asks whether heritage

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n Australia, Paras itself is an industry in decline Paterion contra 21 (Ac. The Write has the recession-hit industrial Britain it has become a truism that where there is nostalgia, there should be brass. In the 1980s, it came to seem almost more worthwhile to invest in history than in new industries, which have proved all too apt to go the same way as the old ones. Cities took to celebrating the vesterdays of their industries even while those industries were twitching in their death-throes. This year Sheffield has an anniversary to celebrate, and of course it means to make the most of it: these days any town with an eye to self-promotion knows that: every anniversary is an opportu-

nity. In Sheffield 250 years ago a secretive Quaker, Benjamin Vie ill with regrege Huntsman, devised the first eff-The tient that would be and raper demonstrated for a ective process for making steel in significant quantities. In doing so, the stage of the s he started the second phase of the industrial revolution, and set his Cardiff to native town on the road to expansion from a village to the fifth largest city in Britain, and to not quite 250 years of curiery glory.

An exhibition devoted to steelmaking begins the celebrations tomorrow, a documentary

film has been commissioned to mark the occasion and a Huntsman trail has been mapped out, to guide tourists round the land-marks of the dawning age of steel. The trail will lead to Abbeydale Industrial Hamlet, a small steelmaking complex dating from before the advent of steam, and now containing what is claimed to be the only surviving steelmaking. crucible furnace in the world, as London Ins well as a small museum where craftsmen demonstrate some of the skills associated with early steel

technology.
The irony is that Sheffield's steel The irony is that Sheffield's steel industry today is more qualified for a wake than a birthday party. For a time in the last century. Sheffield was producing almost half the world's entire output of The second secon steel. A river of molten metal once poured out from its cluster of black steelworks. Now they have all but disappeared, and so have the jobs that went with them.

Steel in Sheffield has not col-A SPACE CONTRACTOR SECTION lapsed as completely as the heavy industries which were the mainstays of other northern towns. Ever since Huntsman's own day, the city has made a point of promoting advanced research, and on high value products which competitors find it relatively hard to reproduce. Often today these have special applications in fields when Saddam Hussein was looking for manufacturers who could forge a barrel for his supergun, it was naturally Sheffield which was able to supply the technology, under the mistaken impression under the mistaken impression that it was supplying petrochemi-

cal equipment.

But the town has lost 60,000 steel-related jobs in the past 20 years, and its unemployment rate is more than three points above the national average. The scars of industrial exploitation are still apparent. The people of Sheffield might be forgiven for looking back on the local heyday of steel with bitterness rather than nostalgia. Visitors to Abbeydale have dropped from a peak of almost

80,000 in 1978 (seven years after it first opened) to only 26,000 in 1990 and 31,000 last year. This may indicate an onset of disenchantment, although Janet Pearson, the curator, insists that

"local people are fairly faithful". During the 1980s, hundreds of obsolete industrial plants rose from the grave into a tenuous new life, in the guise of museums (or of heritage centres, if the scholarly ballast of the operation was too light to justify a claim to the title of museum). The hope was that they would provide employment and draw visitors to areas which had few other attractions.

But heritage may not prove as effective a hedge against recession as it seemed. Customers and sponsors are feeling the financial pinch, and the market may have reached saturation. Hard times are coming for the new hordes of specialist museums, and not all of them may survive. Heritage itself now shows some of the characteristics of an industry in

At least two museums - the Yorkshire Museum of Farming, near York, and the Exeter Mari-time Museum — have escaped closure only by emergency rescue operations in recent months. York is trying to attract more customers with new displays which have been criticised as being only loosely connected with farming. Exeter's museum, with its irreplaceable collection of 200 boats from all over the world, seemed doomed last year after a sudden withdrawal of local government sup-port forced the company that ran it into liquidation. It reopens next month reorganised on a charity basis, but is seeking a more-hospitable home elsewhere.

All through the 1980s, new museums, many of them with an industrial emphasis, were opening in Britain at a rate of one every

working water mill, shire horse stables, mine, leatherworks, **Everyone** steam railway or was deeply pumping engine. Some have signifiuncertain. cant collections and high stan-dards of display They took and custodianship; refuge in a others present prettified and sen-sationalised disrosy travesty plays which have of the past' entertainment than with discov-

ery about what the past was really generation used to power which

Now the flow of new openings has almost dried up, much to the relief of the more serious museum operators, "Thank the Lord, there is definitely a decline in new starts," says Chris Zeuner, the director of the Weald and Downland Museum, Chichester. "Many of them were begun with high hopes and high motives, but the danger is that as they run into financial difficulties they will be tempted down the slippery slope towards a theme park approach. It is difficult to run a museum of this type to high standards on a fully

nity from national or local government, or from industry.
Help of this kind is hard to find Their effect has been invigorating fortnight. By now, every town and village seems to have its museum powerful and straightforward. contributed to a blurring of the of rural or urban crafts, its Their stock in trade is those line between scholarship and The appeal of such museums is captivating tech-nologies of steam entertainment which has brought about a crisis of self confidence in and water, horsesome of our national museums power and muscle about what their own role should power, and the skills of the joiner, Museums such as Beamish and the blacksmith and the farrier. They

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At their best, industrial muse-

rums are among the most imagi-

native and innovative in the country. The pioneering Beamish

North of England Open Air Mu-

seum and the later Ironbridge

museum have explored techniques of active, entertaining and partici-

patory display which have been

nature perceptibly set to work.

Ironbridge fulfil appetites raised by The Ondedin Line, All Crea-tures Great and Small and other television series set in the good old days. The temptation is to make the good old days just a little better. The glow of nostalgia is a powerful draw, but it can be deceptive. In 1972, soon after Beamish was founded, Dr Frank Atkinson, its chief creator and father of the whole industrial museum movement, declared that "nostalgia is going to be bigger and bigger business in the next

entrepreneurial self-reliance.

Today he is a little embarrassed by the unmistakable air of opportunism in that perfectly accurate prediction. "Undoubtedly nostalgia has been an important part of our public appeal, and helped us to make our way. But I do not believe that looking backward is a good thing, or that it is what a museum should be about. We all need to know what the past was like, because one cannot see where one is going if one does not know

"Beamish was established especially in a period when the government was eager to point to people of north east England the newcomers as examples of themselves. They tended to have a entrepreneurial self-reliance. past — proud of it and yet feeling that it was undervalued. The museum was for them — tourism didn't exist up there when we first The idea of a museum as a prop

to morale almost implies that some industrial museums may be temporary. Chris Zeuner accepts the point: "It may be shocking to say so, but perhaps it is worth asking whether all these projects should be intended for the long term. After 50 years they may have done their job. They may be part of the convalescence of change."

Britain's rash of new museums has been trenchantly criticised by Robert Hewison, the author of The Heritage Industry. He sees the phenomenon as a by-product of Thatcherism: "Mrs Thatcher's cultural revolution made everyone deeply uncertain about the present, so they mok refuge in a rosy travesty of the past."

This is rather a parochial explanation for what is clearly a world-wide trend (the museums specialist Kenneth Hudson estimated in 1988 that there were 35,000 museums in the world, increasing by 10 per cent every five years). In a fast-changing world, people not unmaturally feel the need to look back to check their bearings. There is a hint of young fogeyism in Mr Hewison's disdain for the devices that Ironbridge and

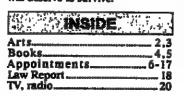
appeal to audiences who would shun an academic museum.

But he is accurate in emphasising the slippery slope towards falsification. "There is always the pressure to be more entertaining and present the past as reassuring. When they dress up in mob caps to work butter-churns, the fact that they are healthy 1990s people who have never suffered rickets or lost their teeth creates an unavoidable distortion straight away. I don't say that the whole thing is flawed but the projection of our industrial past needs to be much more critical."

Mr Hewison sees cultural and economic crisis ahead. "I believe and hope that people in the next century will look to the future

again. I predict that by the year

2000 nostalgia will have gone out of fashion." A safer bet is that nostalgia will be in vogue as long as we feel curiosity about the past. But it is likely to become more disc ing. The museums that respond to that, and help to bring it about,



TOMORROW Valerie Grove on the wit of Wendy Cope



Showing the steel: workers in Ebbw Vale, south Wales, perform the sort of manual labour beloved of Britain's industrial heritage movement

Lies, damned lies and sexual statistics

nyone over the age of 35—
and stop me, please, if I are competing solely, as far as I can see on the basis of the demarcation lines and start going too middle-aged on you — will remember the I-Spy books: ninepenny pamphlets on the sorts of innocent subjects children were interested in 30 years ago and which allowed you five or ten points every time you spotted a Vickers Viscount or a Blue-Nosed Fritillary or a dry-stone wall.

When you'd seen enough butterflies or aeroplanes you'd send the completed book up to Big Chief I-Spy who would send you a certificate. The equivalent nowadays, I guess, would be I-Spy Nike Trainers or I-Spy Nintendo or I-Spy Big Geezers Hanging Around The School Gates Dealing Crack, but fails drug tei however much our times have changed. I don't think the Big Chief would be able to get away with the obvious update: I-Spy Sex. The women's magazines, and The Control of the Co their now monthly sex surveys, have beaten him to it.

Once women's magazines were about knitting and cake decoration, but now, having taken the lead from Cosmopolitan, they all seem entirely devoted to sex surveys. And as each magazine ups its interrogatory stakes, so the surveys get longer and more intricate until

can see on the basis of the revelatoriness of their definitive surveys. Indeed, New Woman's is so definitive that it had to bind it as a separate magazine.

These surveys seem to have a number of functions. The first is the I-Spy stuff: five points if you've seen frottage, ten if you know what a testicle is for (no kidding: 28 per cent of New Women didn't, which bodes pretty damn ill for New Man) and 20 for each sexual position you can name over the basic four dozen. The second function is to prove that women are better at sex than men are, which is, at best, a doubtful proposition if the testicle survey is anywhere near accurate. It is not, apparently enough to acknowledge that in our new sexual democracy women have the right to their own chat-up lines, their own fetishes and their own orgasms. The last three surveys have conclusively demonstrated that, against all the mythology, it is women who sit up nights frustratedly drumming their fingers and watching The Hit Man and Her while men duck under

the sheets pleading headaches. The third function is still, as ever was, to put the fear of God into the

PRIVATE LIFE John Diamond casts a suspicious eye over



libidos of those readers who once in a while fall asleep the moment they get into bed, or those who have never dressed up as Zorro or a PVC-booted traffic warden, or those who can make competent love without working from diagrams.

The thing is though, that while, like anyone I've ever spoken to about these surveys. I've never quite come up to statistical some sexual Domesday book I-Spy.

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scratch, I've never worried about it. Because I don't believe them. I live in the sure and certain knowledge that unless they are overdosing on sodium penthanol people always lie about sex. Always. Or. rather, they don't lie: they base their answers on an ideal established by that night they spent in Devon during the powercut, or what they imagine things would be like if the man upstairs didn't practise the bassoon at two

o'clock every morning.

Asked quite specifically how
many times they made love last week they (oh, all right then, I) will always answer for the week before when I didn't have to work late so many nights, or the week before that when I didn't have that cold, or the week before that when I didn't have to go up to Cleckheaton and missed the train

the sex surveys I've read over the years, and those, in turn, are based people who, in turn, have been informed by the sex surveys they read and so on all the way back to

"Wherein it is conclusively shewn by divers statistick methodes that size mattereth not save that the act is performed in a meet and gentil manner...").

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disqualify themselves from statisti-

cal acceptability by being the sort of people who bother taking half an hour to complete a magazine sex questionnaire. What sort of person is it, after all, that sends in these questionnaires? Do they believe that they have some sociological duty to the rest of us and that without their answer the survey will be in some way unbal-anced? Or that the appeal for respondents is directly aimed at them in the same way a pollster with a dipboard might be? Or is it that they want to boast? "Listen world! It's been three weeks since I back, or any week which fits in get to sleep before 3 am and we've with my idea of what a sex life only got to page 47 of More Joys of should theoretically be like rather. See But since the questionnaires than what it actually is.

But then my ideal is largely based on the statistics quoted in always been that it is only those who need to set down on paper the theoretical sex life that they believe on the theoretical sex lives of those is their due who send in their forms. Or those, of course, who

think that in return they'll get something special from Big Chief



COPPELIA: The Scottish Basier presents the company premiere of Peter Wright's tire production, the first time the Glasgore company has ever performed Coppess Tonght's common inter-cast as benefit by Opening night cast is her principal believing Norwa Chara. Theatre Royal, Hope Street, Glasgow (041-332 9000), 7 15pm

OUDLEY MOORE TRIO: Forget all those "dud". This is a peans! Moore can this provide an entertaining overing, combining sazz and classical music with some generally furny, officially furnity regards and office for managers Peter Morgan and Office Managers and Office. Manchoster's G-Mex. London's Albert Hall and Birmingary s NEC Centre, King's Road Brighton (0273 202581). 7pm

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TODAY'S EVENTS

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secto in C) and Bruci

(Symphony No 7). Sir Colin Davis

Berbicun, Silk Street, London EC2 (071-638 8891), 7 45pm

MANCHESTER INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF EXPRESSIONISM:

Brighte Fassbaender gives a recital of Schoenberg, Berg, Schreker and Mehle schight at the Royal Northern College At the same time in the Free Trade Hall, the Hellé Orchestra and James Judd

tackle Schoenberg's massive early symphonic poem Paleas und Maissande (and Brahms's Violan Concerto with Viktone Mullova as

Royal Northern College of Music, Manchester (061-273 4564/5534).

7 30pm. Free Trade Half, Manches (051-634 1712), 7 30pm

AN AWFULLY BIG ADVENTURE: Bank Beinbridge's adeptation of her own novel, based on her expenence working beckstage at the Liverpool Perfective. Portraying Sundario will be her own daughter, Rudi Device Opening right.

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Playhouse, Williamson Square,
Liverpool (051-709 8478), 7.30pm.

THE CHOIGE: Toyah Willicox stars in Caire Luckham's new play about a worstan wince bebry will have Down's Syndrous Orected by Antie Castledine, Opering night. Playfouse, Matthouse Lerie, Salisbury (17/22 200333), 7 North

7 45pm, met Thurs, 2.30pm. Set, 4pm.

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A SWELL PARTY: Four stagers, two partiets in Bleable Indute to Cole

Porter's wit and wry melodies.
Veudeville, The Strand, WC2 (071-836
9987) Mon-Fri, Spm, Set, 6.30pm, mate
Wed, 2.30pm, Set, 5.30pm: 140mins.

El TALKING MEADLE Particle
Routledge and Alan Bernett excellent in
three of his monologues cherting the
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A TRIBUTE TO THE BLUES BROTHERS: Lively parade of breeful cides. Good Rus. Whitsheld, Whitsheld, SW1 (071-867 1119). Mon-Thurz, 8 15pm, Fri, Sez, 8,15pm and Spm. 120mins.

III UNCLE VANYA: Jan McKellen and Antony Sher outstanding in a Seen Hadhes production that a seen hadhes production that a seen believed and tense with grief National (Cottastice), South Benti, 8E1 (771-528 2252) Tonight Set, 7.30pm. 160mins

A daily guide to arts and entertainment complied by Karl Knight

Also, if includes as 11 works owned by The Tate, as well as loans from several countries, belencing the familiar with the not-so-familiar. Tete Gallery, Albert Docks, Liverpool (051-709 3223) Tues, 11am-6pm, Wed-Sun, 10am-6pm, unit March 22.

THE RECRUITING OFFICER: George Farquier's comedy is presented in a new production at the National with Saily Dexter and Alex Jennings playing Silva and Captein Plutte, and directed by Necholas Hydrer. The play was first staged at the Drury Lane Theatre, London in April 1706 and in 1963 R. London in April 1706 and in 1963 R. London in April 1706 and in 1963 R. became one of the National's earliest successes. Opening right National (Othrier), South Bank, London SE 1 (071 926 2252), 7pm.

JONATHAN GEE: Accessible modern jazz from a breedom led by the winner of the "intest premising newcorner" paze at least year's British international Jazz swards Planiet Gee is joined by Wayne Batchelor on bere and Wireton Chiford on drums.

Colonester Arts Centre, Church Street, Colchester (0206 577301), 7 45pm.

LONDON BAROQUE: The respected baroque chember ensemble visite Norwich to perform an 18th-century programme of works including Vivildis, Handel and Sech Norwich Arts Centre, Reswes Yard, St Benedict in Street, Norwich (0800) 580352), 8pm

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment Of Current London theatre Thouse full, returns only

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NNG (071-722 9301) Men-Sat, Spm, med
\$44, 4pm, 120mme.

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THE POCKET DREAM: Foolist Li The Procest Dreakast Popular buriasque of A Midaummer Night's Dream, with Nike McShare and Sandi Toksing Dedicated fans only Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (97) 867 1115) Tues-Sat, 7 43pm, male Sat, Sun, 3pm 136mms

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☐ THE ROAD. Reclines driving and small-time religion in Layor Wore Sovinka a first play confusingly staged at this new home for black theater Cochrane Theaters. Southampton Row. WC 1971-430 25001 Mcn-Set. 7 30pm 150mms.

El SELF PORTRAIT. Absorbing, if at times confusing study of the painter Given John and the impulse behind her portraits of strick en women Change Tree, Castros Sirvel, Richmond (051-940 3533) Mon-Sal,

CINEMA GUIDE

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OPERA

Britten back at his best

SECOND thoughts can be better. Colin Graham has returned to Beniamin Britten's final opera. Death in Venice, whose premiere he staged in Aldeburgh almost 20 years ago. He has totally reinterpreted it, opened it out visually, clearing the stage of clutter, and created a taut and tense narrative of an 'artist's self-destruction. No better opera production has been seen in London this season.

The key to his success is the idea of mingling projections of John Piper's original designs with photographs of Venice taken by Mariano Fortuny during the first decade of the century, the period of Thomas Mann's original novella. Piper's slanted buildings emerge from Fortuny's noisome canals, a golden Lido is conjured from a narrow back street, the interior of San Marco grows out of a piazza. A double Venice is created from Piper's colour and Fortuny's grainy black and white, reflecting the double world

entered by the distinguished writer, Gustav von Aschenbach. Britten wrote that role almost as a valediction for his lifelong interpreter and companion, Peter Pears. Until now nobody has been able to crase the mark Pears put on it. He opted for an academic and almost desiccated Aschenbach, verging on the doddery.
And that image long remained. At
Covent Garden, Philip Langridge now casts these added years aside. His Aschenbach begins as a man of letters swimming confidently in middle age on a tide of literary renown. Only gradually does he let eat away at his body the canker that is the Mediterranean. Eros and his obses-

sion with the boy Tadzio. Langridge little by little lets his shoulders sag, his knees bend and his cane drag behind him wearily in the dust. A series of highly impressive Britten interpretations have prepared him for this role: Quint, Vere, Grimes. Aschenbach comes as a superb culmi nation as, slumped in a chair, the

Death in Venice Covent Garden

dead eyes of a broken man can no longer see Tadzio's torso enveloped in

Piper's blue waves. Vocally the performance is majestic. Death in Venice at times is close to being an interior monologue with interruptions. Aschenbach's discussions with himself about art and love, often over a single instrument, are handled as skilfully as the more operatic passages. When Aschenbach steps to the side of the action to allow the tenor a rest — the games of Apollo at the end of Act. I and the arrival of the strolling players in Act II - the opera droops, so much does it depend on the central role. With Langridge there, revival comes quickly.

Alan Opie is the tempter who lures Aschenbach on to his death in a number of guises — an echo here of Hoffmann. He is less sinister than some, specialising more in ingratiation: "No doubt the Signore will be leaving us soon," his Hotel Manager comments while Aschenbach drags himself to the beach for the last time. Giacomo Ciriaci's Tadzio moves with grave adolescent grace, careful never to flirt or meet Aschenbach's gaze directly. As at Aldeburgh, Deanne Bergsma is the distant mother who never gives a hint of how much she is

aware of what is going on at the Lido. The other survivor from Snape is Steuart Bedford, who knows more about this score than anyone still around and shows it in the way he handles the small orchestra. He lets the nerve ends slowly fray as Aschen-bach begins to lose all peace of mind. This is no mere fresh look with Colin Graham at Death in Venice but one which restores the opera to the top level of Britten's achievements.



Philip Langridge, in the suberb culmination of an impressive series of JOHN HIGGINS Britten interpretations, gives a majestic performance as Aschenbach

THEATRE

Painful lesson in self-knowledge

THIS is the only play Shakespeare set in Vienna, a freak of geography some directors have turned to their advantage, if not always to that of the piece itself. Jonathan Miller once relocated it in Dr Freud's headquarters, shrinking it to a protracted case-study of sexual repression. Now Trevor Nunn in this travelling RSC production has opted for the same fin-de-siècle period, but given it greater sweep: waltzmusic by Strauss, cafe-rais from Schnitzler, whores by Klimt, tram-tracks by the Vienna Transit Authority, and, in the ducal offices, a plushly covered couch for discomforted psyches. Even Angelo is a frowning, frock-coated bureaucrat from one of the nightmares that afflicted Kafka in a more northerly part of the Austro-Hungarian empire. But the effect is to give the play more immediacy and a recognisable

sense of place, not to shrivel or slant it. If Nunn finds an overall theme in Measure for Measure, it is the "painful acquisition of self-knowledge" mentioned in the programme. Never has a revival left me so aware that all three main characters are undergoing an emotional education. forced to accept the darkness within.

The obvious case is Angelo, played with force and intelligence by David Haig. He cuts a prim. deferential figure as Philip Madoc's departing Measure for Measure Young Vic

Duke puts him in charge of Vienna: but he is soon perched aggressively over his papers, an unsmiling mix of gravitas, contempt and flinty integri-ty. The scene that follows is notoriously tricky, with his inner winter giving way to an awful parody of spring as the nun Isabella pleads for the brother whom he, Angelo, has condemned to die for lechery. Haig plays it impeccably, his boredom with an irksome petitioner turning to fascination, the fascination becoming what, for so complacent and tidy-minded a person, is an emotional hell.

By the time he has been exposed by the returning Duke, the wretched man has been woozy with crotic imaginings, hoarse with nerves, dizzy with disbelieving self-disgust. We have seen him slime up to Isabella; we have seen him literally go ape. manhandling her like a rapist in a park; and we have seen him desolately contemplating the ashes of his self-respect. Moreover, there has been an inexorable logic to the process, paral-

lelled in his victim. Claire Skinner's Isabella is Angelo's spiritual twin, a guileless innocent waylaid by passions she may have entered her nunnery to avoid encoun-

tering. Her usual pose is a head hung forward in pain or confusion; yet she, too, has her moments of violence. hammering Claudio when he entreats her to sacrifice her chastity, raging when she learns of his supposed death. Clearly she is not quite suited to a life of prayer and penance.

Nor is Madoc's Duke quite the secure philosopher-king who strides so confidently around the library section of Maria Bjørnson's multilevel, multi-purpose set. Here is the evening's most original touch. The scenes in which the louche Lucio feeds the Duke, now disguised as a Friar. intimate slanders about himself are usually played for laughs. But Madoc listens, broods and visibly darkens at what, we realise is the voice of his own unacknowledged desires. It is a deeper man who finally reaches out a hand to Isabella, a wiser girl who reaches back.

The supporting performances are unusually sharp, including as they do Alian Mitchell's humane Escalus, Judith Bruce's sad-sack Mistress Overdone, and, in the tiny part of Froth, a wonderfully sheepish Jonathan Glynn. But the play's centre can rarely have held firmer or its denouement have seemed truer and more moving. This is an exemplary effort.

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whose partner in the band they founded three years ago is too idealistic to have accepted a gig yet. Presiding over this squabbling, slovenly and garrulous group of no-hopers is Lol, the owner of the business, a compulsive womaniser whose twin philosophies are profes-sional laissez-faire and personal cherchez la femme.

Ikolf's ear for East End speech patterns is faultless and the writing is seconded by a production, one of Philip Hedley's best, in which each character is brilliantly identified by movement and body language.

Though strong in its wonderfully natural chronicling of loosely organised conversational ramblings that just pull back from the inconsequential, the play is less certain in plot. Two sinister newcomers enlist as drivers, and soon trick Lol out of his business, transforming it into a high powered concern catering yuppies, and sack the old crowd. After

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splendid squalor has, amazingly quickly, given way to antiseptic sleekness in Jenny Tiramani's designs, the play hangs fire. And the final hint of a happy solution — in almost the last line — is perfunctory.

The faults can surely be ironed out. Meanwhile, much of the acting gives great pleasure. Kate Williams is the dumpy, rueful Nora. If my own patch of south-east London is anything to go by, Ron Pember and Alan Ford are old cockneys to the life; and, as one of the interlopers. Charlie Caine con-firms the excellent impression he made at Manchester's Royal Exchange recently, switching from the good-natured idealism of that performance to the menace of barely controlled violence.

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Return of an Irish charmer

Geoff Brown reviews Hear My Song, Fried Green Tomatoes and Light Sleeper

mutters "We're in a shaggy dog story" as they yank a prize cow, acci-dentally purchased at an auction, across Ireland's rolling countryside. We certainly are. Hear My Song (15, Odeon Marble Arch), a first feature for British commercials director Peter Chelsom, ioliops along with a daft smile and panting breath. It spins a tale of the broadest whimsy about a Liverpool promoter's frantic search for Josef Locke, sentimental tenor of the Forties and Fifties, who fled to his native Ireland to avoid charges of tax evasion.

Chelson's film has already made friends abroad. It was quickly picked up for American distribution and earned Ned Beatty, who portrays Locke, a Golden Globe acting nomination. Hear My Song has even been seen by the Princess of Wales, at a charity gala last week. Is this the new British film, and the burning new young talent, for which we have all been

Frankly, no: Chelsom's tale and treatment are too buried in the past to blaze the way forward. The story unfolds in the early Eighties. though so many stalwarts of old British cinema heave into view — Irish yokels, a Morris Minor, a mackintoshed police chief always two beats behind — that it might well have been filmed 30 years

Yet once the shaggy dog story gets up and running (be prepared: this takes some time), the film's warmth and gusto provide modest pleasure. Co-writer Adrian Dunbar cuts a plausible figure as Micky, the promoter, Shirley Ann Field, no mean stalwart herself. sheds a quiet glow as a woman who once caught Locke's eye. But it is Beatty himself who proves

The first Locke we meet is a

The hero's companion professional imposter, booked to perform as Mr X; then the real McCoy is located, deep in Ireland. When the burly American actor sings "Hear My Song", "Count Your Blessings" and Locke's other formulation as properties is not Need favourites, we know this is not Ned Beatty's actual voice. But Beatty's gestures are so heartfelt that we readily accept the lie.

Now, on to a film which boasts a list of characters including Idgie and Ninny Threadgoode, Smokey Lonesome, Sipsey, Missy and Curtis Smoote. Veteran observers of American cinema will immediate ly know what to expect. Here comes the parade of quaint rural folks, the jokes and homilies, the dusty lanes and the scorching sun, the singing crickets and rattling autos: a film almost drowned in Southern comfort.

Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Café (12, Odeon Haymarket), an ingratiating movte, conforms doggedly to this old-fashioned type. True, the Ku Klux Klan ride into Whistle Stop, Alabama, for a spot of terrorising, but most of the blacks seem happy to sew and sweep while the Caucasians carry the plot's main

This concerns friendship: through a skein of flashbacks that leap through the century, we follow the fortunes of Idgie Threadgoode (Mary Stuart Masterson), a fearless tomboy turned independent woman, who rescues her bosom friend Ruth from a violent husband and sets up a popular cafe. No prizes for guess-ing the house speciality.

Yet there is more on the menu than Idgie Threadgoode. We hear of her history through another Threadgoode, Ninny, currently residing in a convalescent home, where she befriends and inspires a plump, stifled housewife in dire need of an overhaul. Enter Jessica Tandy and Kathy Bates, buckling



Close encounter of the Irish kind: Tara Fitzgerald as Nancy Doyle and Adrian Dunbar as Micky O'Nelll in Peter Chelsom's Hear My Song

down to their characters with love. Even when scenes grow sticky and silly, these two are invariably a joy to watch.

The material, fuzzly feminist in tone (note how the husbands are doits or brutes), stems from a novel by Fannie Flagg, a television writer and stand-up comedienne. As a spinner of tales she has some way to go before rivalling Homer, though this remembrance of past lives proves bearable enough as movie scaffolding. Jon Avnet, directing his first cinema film after a busy production career, escorts us-swiftly through the tragedies and joys, and is not atraid of emotional manipulation. Some shots resem-

ble cattle prods.
Yet for all the ciarion calls on our hearts, Fried Green Tomatoes steers clear of deep emotions, and daintily sidesteps the issue of Idgie's sexuality. This is a film of surface attractions: engaging performances, hish photography, eartickling music, a film as cosy and smothering as grannie's arm-

On the other hand, Light Sleeper (15, Curzon West End) feels like a church pew. The hero, John LeTour, conforms to writer-director Paul Schrader's usual type. He is a loner, an outcast; he worries a lot, and commits his thoughts to a diary; at the end, through a cocktail of violence and love, he achieves a kind of redemption.

e is also Willem Dafoe an intriguing performer, scarcely off-screen during this sombre portrait of an ageing drug delivery-man adrift in the unfriendly Nineties, anxious for life to take a new turn. Fate pushes LeTour to the crisis point. Cops with a murder to solve start nosing mands his frozen heart thaws once

he rediscovers an old flame, while his boss (Susan Sarandon) plans to chuck the white powder for a career in herbal cosmetics.

Light Sleeper is a memorial to the cocaine-sniffing, high-rolling Eighties. But did Schrader have to make his elegy so higherious? Words drop like lead weights from his dealers, users and bar-stool riff-raff; LeTour's flame must work her lips around "You were an encyclopaedia of suicidal para-nola". Camera positions are chosen with a great deal of thought: unfortunately, the thought shows.

Yet Schrader earns points for atmosphere. The action unfolds, one sticky New York summer. during a garbage strike. Refuse bags mount in the streets; through tht skies of rain and neon. LeTour snakes in his chauffeurdriven car between shimmering penthouses and low-life dives. The cast suffer equal mixed

fortunes. This is not one of Sarandon's finest hours: as the dealer facing her own mid-life crisis, she displays her old vim, but can never make her shrill dialogue convince. Dafoe has a far better time shafts of vulnerability, even tenderness, help lighten his character's load and bring some grace notes to Schrader's tale of Angst

For a breath of fresh air, try "Tibet: A Lost Nation", a three-week season delving into the world's most enigmatic country.
The prime exhibit, Horse Thief
(PG, ICA Cinema), was first
released here in 1987, though Tian Zhuangzhuang's film is good enough to warrant a fast revival. The trumpeted "brand new print" proves ghostly pale; but the Tibetan rituals, ominous vultures and snow-swept crags, matched to a soundtrack of moans and bells, keep the eyes hooked regardless.

Do not expect the emotional sweep of a Chen Kaige or Zhang Yimou. Chinese cinema's leading art-house imports. With its few shreds of plot about a penniless clansman, shunned by his tribe for stealing horses, this is a quasidocumentary; though you expect documentaries to bolster the images with facts and figures. Tian leaves us high and dry.

The one figure thrown up, the date of 1923, should be discounted. China's Film Bureau, sensitive to any treatment of ethnic minorities, imposed the date to place the culture so respectfully recorded at a safe distance. But when the monks line up, prayer wheels turn, and Tian's characters lie prostrate with grief in a series of aching dissolves, dates prove meaning-less. The film has ascended into a timeless realm, where the camera's eye and the artist's soul

ARTS BRIEF

Is Auntie entitled?

CHEERING news from Covern Garden for those opera-lovers who shudder at some recent "modern" English translations of Mozart operas. When the Royal Opera's production of Don Giovanni was televised by the BBC last month, the Royal Opera was criticised (not least on the letters page of The Times) for the quality of the television subtitles. Some viewers inexplicably felt that such phrases as "get lost" and "you little slut" did disservice to Da Ponte's elegant Italian.

In vain did Covent Garden point out that the subtitles were nothing to do with them; their own "surtitles" (projected above the stage) were rejected by the BBC. presumably for being too faithful to the original. Now the Royal Opera House has decided that its future contracts with broadcasting organisations should always give it editorial control over subtitles. The joy of seeing "perfido mostro" (perfidious monster) represented on screen by a single, stark "Bastard!" is, it seems, temporary.

Nose job

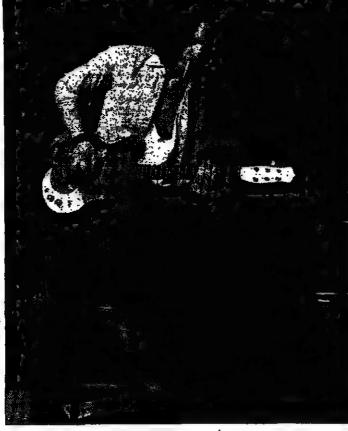
FRANCIS Ford Coppola is to collaborate with Jim Henson Productions on a live-action and animatronic film of Pinocchio. There have been several films about the boy-puppet with the zoom-action nose since the 1940 Disney classic, among them a 1971 X-rated version.

Generous terms

DESPITE the high street banks' dire annual results, Barclays has decided that its artistic largesse will continue. It has announced that its sponsorship of the Barclays New Stages festival - which targets fringe theatre - will be renewed for a further three years: a sponsorship worth £500,000. This year's festival, at the Royal Court from May 18 to June 6, focuses on Brith Gof, the Cholmondeleys, the Featherstonehaughs, V-TOL and Yes/No People.

Last chance...

WHEN John Player began sponsoring an annual portrait award at the National Portrait Gallery in 1980 there was argument over the criteria of "likeness" employed in judging. Later the required photographs of sitters vanished, but the usual style remained conservative. Now that the last portrait commissioned under this scheme is complete, the NPG (071-306 0055) is showing all 12 commissioned works. Visitors can judge the results of these changing criteria for themselves until Sunday.



Chris Whitley: "I think I must have a lot of anger in me'

Hard-bitten rocker on a roll

complimentary reviews bankable, Chris Whitley would not have had his Ame ican Express card confiscated after a spending splurge last month. His debut album, a strange, bluesy concoction called Living With the Law, prompted a dazzling array of critical bouquets when it was released last year. Yet despite the instant cult status and the encouraging worldwide sales which have since accrued, Whitley now has mixed feelings about the album's initial reception.

"I've read a lot that I don't agree with," he says, "and there have been many reviews that were intended to be positive which I haven't liked at all. Some people have taken the album too much at face value. They hear an acoustic guitar and so they immediately assume it's acoustic, folky music. I

don't feel it's like that at all." - Particularly exasperating are comparisons with veteran rootsrock slide guitarist, Ry Cooder. Whitley insists that his real guitar hero is Jimmy Page of Led Zeppe-lin. In fairness, this would be hard to divine from the album, but anyone who has seen Whitley perform live with his current band will know that he is indeed a hardbitten rocker at heart. The broader truth is that he is a David Sinclair meets Chris Whitley, the volatile American guitarist who tours Britain this week

dy Waters and Howlin' Wolf, the urban rock of Aerosmith and Lynyrd Skynyrd, the soaring soul of Al Green and Stevie Wonder, and the European synthesize baroque of Gary Numan and David Bowle (as in Heroes and Lodger). Living With the Law emphasises one side of an unusually multi-faceted musician, but anyone who thinks it represents the full measure of the man is in

Whitley is not a man who finds it easy to relax. He gave up drinking about six weeks ago. "I think I must have a lot of anger in me," he says. "If I get drunk I go crazy. We were touring the States and I kept gening thrown out of hotels. It's something I've thought about, read about, been to the therapist about, but now I just accept it's there, and try to direct more of my

for a surprise.

energy into my music." He may have inherited some of his volatile temperament from his parents ("the only proper fistfight I've ever had was with my father"). His mother was still a teenager

man steeped in a variety of when Whitley was born in Texas traditions: the deep blues of Mud- on August 31, 1960, and it was his parents who introduced him to the

music of Hendrix. The Doors and The Beatles. The couple divorced when Whitley was 11, and he went to live with his mother in a series of low-rent apariments, trailer-park homes and even a log shack, with no running water, in Vermont. It was during this period that he ac-quired his fascination with, and sneaking admiration for, the mores of the "white trash" American underclass that seeps through into the lyrics of songs such as

Bordertown". Less often remarked is his love of photography, literature and high art. There is Cherokee blood on both sides of his family, and he is fascinated by the spiritual con-cepts embodied by much Amerindian literature.

In his late teens Whitley took off to seek his fortune in New York City. But at that time his passion for blues-based music and his skill as a slide guitarist put him out of step with a scene dominated by New Wave acts such as Blondie.

move to Belgium, where he lived for almost six years. While there he played in a teenybop funk band called Noh Rodeo ("a real compatch operation") and shared a house with bassist Alan Gevaert, who plays in his current band. He married Gevaen's sister Helene and they now live in New York with a four-year-old daughter.

So far he has finished writing just three songs for his second album. But if there is record company pressure to deliver more material or to fashion a set of "blockbuster" songs to capitalise on the groundswell of interest in Living With the Law, then he is not aware of it.

"My career is one day at a time. I just hope I have the courage and the identity and the ideas and the craft not to get locked into one thing. The way that I play guitar, for instance, is hardly touched upon on that first record. I want to explore different areas and not be pigeon-holed into something too

 Chris Whitley plays at the Irish Centre, Northampton (0604 32375) tomorrow night and at The Grand. London SWII (071-738 9000) on

Saturday. Living With The Law is available on Columbia (468508 2)

TELEVISION REVIEW

That woman goes to war

in him and scuppered the talks.

he Argentine invasion of the Falklands was a watershed for my generation.

Then in our twenties or thirties, we had no inkling until 1982 of how the alchemy of victory can trans-form a nation and its leaders. Some of us truly made up our minds about Mrs Thatcher only during those anxious weeks of war. The various fictions and factions

on the subject have hitherto fallen flat. But the conduct of war from the top, its high politics, can be reconstructed on screen by flair and meticulous research of the kind used in Woolly Al walks the kitty back, last night's BBC 2 Timewatch documentary about Alexander Haig's abortive attempt to prevent the war. The programme was full of good

lines. Caspar Weinberger promised an aircraft carrier at a time when Haig's peace offensive was balanced on a handbag edge, our man in Washington, Nico Henderson, boggled at the recollec-tion. According to Haig, Galtieri pretended to be "in a meeting" when Reagan telephoned. Having failed to persuade Haig to appear before a million Argentinians gathered outside, Galtieri delivered a ranting speech which in effect destroyed Haig's confidence

Not that there ever was much chance with Mrs T in charge. The Argentine air force chief, Lami Dozo, admits that the junta's cardinal error had been to underestimate the British prime minister's determination. Vernon Walters, then Haig's right-hand man, told his old acquaintance Galtieri: "General, that woman has let a number of hunger strikers of her own basic race and language starve themselves to death without flickering an eyelash. I 'wouldn't count on her not doing anything if I were you." When she asked him what he thought of her.

ed British government depended wholly on "that woman". As the task force steamed south, ministers had doubts about her Churchillian style as well as her inflexible policy on sovereignty.

he replied: "Everything they say about you is true: you are the Iron Lady." Recalling the incident, Walters adds a gloss: the real Iron Lady is an instrument of torture kept at Nuremburg. One point emerges: any contrast between the vacillating, divided junta and the quietly single-mind-

Even Sir John Nott, the supposedly hard-line defence secretary. does his worst to debunk the

historic briefing outside 10 Downing Street when he read out the telegram announcing the recapture of South Georgia, and Mrs Thatcher told the assembled reporters to "rejoice". It was, says the fastidious Nott. "embarrassing". He adds that "Mrs Thatcher was a much better politician than I was" (just in case nobody had noticed).

In Francis Pym, a stopgap foreign secretary with Carrington's airs but none of his guile. Haig sported a fellow marked man. Haig himself would also lose his job. Not only did his diplomacy give the impression of a bid to appease Buenos Aires: the amiable "Al" was indeed, as Mrs Thatcher remarked, "woolly". The producer (with Mark An-

derson) was Norma Percy. Her series The Second Russian Revolution illuminated the etiolation of Soviet communism under Gorbachev like no other. Claims that her technique would fail with western politicians were disproved by this film. Investigative journalists take note: do your homework. offer people a fair hearing, cut out exhibitionist interviewers, and you may get what you want.

e live with grids in our ears. Almost all the music we hear is telling us the same story, that there is only one way to travel up and down the octave, only one sort of musical staircase: that of the 12 equal semitone steps Bach celebrated 250 years ago in his Well-Tempered Clavier.

Throughout the last century musicians here and there have pursued other ways of getting about, usually by smaller intervals, or "microtones". Their voices have now been joined by that of James Wood, whose newly founded Centre for Microtonal Music at the Guildhall School stepped out with a little Festival of Microtonality last weekend.

Microtonal composers have had to combat a whole history of aural training, as well as of instrument building, with the inevitable result that their efforts have been widely viewed as merely eccentric. But perhaps now is the time for a more intensive assault, to achieve what Wood's manifesto for this festival described as the "tantalising possibilities" of microtonality.

The worty is that both the proponents of new hearing, and the lethargy of musical culture in general, have tended not only to marginalise microtonality but to establish it as a category, so that DANIEL JOHNSON just about the only thing one knows about such great pioneers Small

CONCERTS

steps for man

as Alois Hába and Julián Carrillo is that they wrote in microtones. The Arditti Quartet's programme. given at the end of this festival and recorded by the BBC, was therefore specially valuable in letting us hear music by these two composers and others in what was effectively a miniature history of quarter-tone music.

Hába's Fourteenth Quartet (one wonders what agonies of selection went into the Arditti's choice) announced more problems than solutions, and in particular the problem that our harmonic hearing makes quarter-tones sound like mis-tunings when the context is something like softened Bartók. Startlingly more successful than the other five movements was the andance with cello solo, where the microtonal intervals had space and independence to flower. And the same lesson was repeated by Carrillo's Two Sketches, both of them slow, naive and appealing. wandering and wondering.

Ivan Vishnegradsky, who like

Hába and Carrillo was working in microtones in the Twenties, seems to have used them more for filling up harmonic space with dense. cloudy, slow-moving clusters than for melodic inflection. His implacable First Quartet was also on this Arditti programme, along with James Wood's own quartet, which seemed vastly more fresh, passionare and exciting than when the Arditti first played it seven years ago, a real discovery of glistening microtonal harmonies and, in the big final movement, melodies of urgent reach and intensity.

Earlier in the weekend we had heard a new Wood piece, Phainomena. scored for voices (his New London Chamber Choir) and instruments. Like other recent works by this composer, Phainomena is a ritual that, in its pacing and gesture, seems designed first and foremost for the performing participants. But as it gathers steam, whirling through the zodiac with note patterns charted from the sky and chanting in ancient Greek, it develops and sustains an almost Varèse-like energy and a frenzy of colour. If Wood is as energetic an organiser and animator as he is a composer, then we can expect to hear some of microtonality's tantalising possibilities sounding out from his new centre.

PAUL GRIFFITHS

Basking in the shade of Burke

As John Major girds his loins for the election, Roger Scruton praises two new philosophical defences of conservatism but finds respect for authority lacking

ooks of conservative doctrine are in short supply. for conservatives are suspicious of the reading habit, which has brought so much folly into heads ill-equipped to resist it. And for many Tories, the true theory of conservatism is that it has no theory. Nevertheless, the case for conservatism always makes refreshing reading, after those jargon-ridden and hatefilled tracts which pass for socialist philosophy. Conservative doctrine is of necessity eirenic its aim is to encourage the acceptance of our social condition, and to find solace in its imperfections.

David Willetts's book typifies

the genre. It is an agreeable and wide-ranging defence of the poli-cies of the Conservative party, as

these have evolved in recent decades. **MODERN** Willetts has a ver-CONSERVATISM satile mind. broad culture, and By David Willetts a lucid style. Penguin, £5.99 His masters are Oakeshott and

THE MORAL **FOUNDATIONS** Havek: secular thinkers whose ef-OF MARKET INSTITUTIONS fect on conserva-tive doctrine has By John Gray IEA Health and Welfare Unit,£7.95 been to sweep away its dependence on religious belief and endow it instead

with a social philosophy. While Burke Coleridge Disraeli all paid lip service to the Anglican Church (which has seldom demanded any other kind). Willetts barely mentions religion, and presents his conservatism as a neutral social theory for a secular age.

His core ideas are two: the free market, and spontaneous communities. The first provides the means of life, the second the ends. Willetts tackles head on the usual socialist objection, that free markets are the solvent of communities, replacing traditional loyalties with a selfcentred struggle for consumer satisfaction. In rehearsing Adam Smith's timeless vindication of the spirit of commerce, Willetts shows that the socialist objection is at best shallow.

My only regret is that he sets his eyes too firmly upon the modern age, and fails to remark on the contribution of markets to the civilisation of Greece, Rome and medieval Christendom. In the light of history, the socialist grievance is shown up for what it is: a niggling resentment against the spirit of Western civilisation, on behalf of its Utopian shadow. Willetts bravely tackles all the

ssues of the day: the welfare

ood conversation, as the

state, the constitution, monetarism, the ERM - indeed, any question to which a parliamentary candidate will need an answer. What he gains in topicality, he loses in depth, though that is not a defect. Maybe his halfhearted apologies for the European "community" - which he both sees and refrains from seeing as a gravy-train for socialist bureaucrats - will not endear him to every member of his party. Nevertheless, to have presented the case so clearly and eloquently, and with an educated sense of where argument matters, is no mean achieve-

Willetts defends the "social market", that is, a free market quali-fied by the welfare state. His defence

goes hand in hand with an admiration for modern Germany, and blinds him to the defects of that country: its wimp-ish liberal élite, its universities stuffed with sentimental leftists, its remorseless modernism, the widespread addiction to the sins of the flesh, and the nihilistic culture which justifies everything by proving that noth-

ing is justified The excuse for Germany was the Lutheran religion, and the high culture of Bach, Goethe, Kant, Beethoven and Schiller. Those things vanished long ago, and the German youth of today has re-tained only a flicker of interest in them. That British Tories should waste their emotions in praising the Third Reich's spineless succes-SOF NEVER CEASES to armade mis.

John Gray is another champion of the "social market", and his defence must count as one of the most intelligent and sophisticated contributions to modern conservative philosophy. Gray offers the true case for the market, not as an instrument of freedom or prosperity (though it is both those things), but as the sole repository of the information upon which economic life is based. The argument is beautifully set out, and rich in conservative implications. There is no a priori difficulty, Gray argues, in combining this "Austrian" argument for the market with a defence of the welfare state, as an "enabling device" whereby the basic need for "autonomy" will be as widely satisfied as possible.



Nevertheless, for me the need for "autonomy" (which means the ability to choose my life and satisfactions) has always taken second place to the need for belonging (which means the need to find my life and satisfactions inscribed in a social reality greater than myself). And I have never regarded the welfare state as anything but a threat to this.

ot only is Gray aware of Charles Murray's dev-astating proof that American welfare policies have engendered an adversarial underclass, and a dependency culture, but he also knows of the arguments of the "Virginia school", which tell us that the welfare state will in time become a colony of "rent seeking" bureaucrats. But he brushes these difficulties aside. There is a further diffi-

not so privileged. Fanatics of all

stripes appal him. He recalls with

horror seeing the

a Russian soldier

dragged to his death by revolu-tionaries in 1917.

two years before

the young Isaiah's

family moved to

England: a vivid

image which, he

says, has always underpinned his

hatred of violence.

But if there are

What should the recipient of welfare give in return for it? The only cogent answer is loyalty. Yet the dependency culture is invariably the antagonist of the society that

This difficulty points to a weak-ness in both these otherwise excellent books, which is that they pass over what has been the key concept in traditional conservative thinking: the concept of authority. The problem for conservatism in our time is the growing deficit of authority in the institutions of society, and of its counterpart, deference, in the Individual psy che. How to supply this deficit is another matter, but a philosophy that does not notice it can hardly be called conservative, even if it is the philosophy of the new Conser-

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mean decent - we all know what that is." And, however relativistic we try to be, we do.

also leads Berlin to question the notion of historical inevitability, beloved of Hegel, Marx and now Fukuyama. Like his hero, Alexander Herzen, he disputes the idea of a historical libretto from which the singer cannot deviate. He cannot see how determinism and cultural diversity could realis-tically co-exist. There is no general direction to history, no wagontrain which will one day grind to a halt at some pre-destined site.

Hence Berlin's discussion of glasnost, nationalism and the ideological ferment which was then bubbling in Eastern Europe betrays no triumphalism. The liberal democracy in which he believes may be spreading the world over, but there is no inevitability in this. He shies gracefully away from the seer's laurels.

Where Berlin's judgment falters, is that he underestimates the appeal of his ideals to the young. They seek absolutes," he reflects, "and that usually, sooner or later, ends in blood." Yet current interest among young people in human rights, constitutional reform and the meaning of citizenship owes far more to Berlin's ideals than to socialism or the laissez-faire ethics of the New Right. His words are inspirational and I am grateful to Jahanbegloo's book for reminding

Blow your meme

his stimulating, energetic and inventive book addresses an ancient conundrum. Somehow or other there is an intimate relationship between the workings of our nervous systems and our mental lives: but how does the teeming physical activity of the brain give rise to our intangible and private pleasures, pains and points of view? How does mind emerge from the machine?

As you read these words electrical and chemical activity is set in train in a number of areas in your cerebral cortex, the convoluted outer mantle of your brain. A foren or so of these aress contain a neural map of visual space; each has a particular role to play in the analysis — and presumably the conscious recreation — of a visual scene. One area specialises in the analysis of colour, another in the

At first glance these events in the nervous system bear no resemblance at all to what you are experiencing. How are the experience and the neural events related? The materialist replies that, despite appearances to the contrary, your visual experience is in fact identical with the patterns of activity in nerve cells spread around your brain. The dualist. often claiming to speak for common sense, regards your experience as a non-physical effect of the nervous activity, occuring in a mental medium or "figment".

The controversy may seem to lack any practical import whatsoever. But our conception of consciousness does influence our behaviour towards one another and towards animals. We usually regard consciousness as providing a reason for treating its possessors with consideration and we need to know to whom or what to attribute it. This is not always straightforward: are fish, or spiders, con-scious? In the future it may become important to settle the question of whether we ourselves have created consciousness in the pursuit of artificial intelligence will robots require civil rights? Several contemporary philosophers, notably Thomas Nagel and John Searle, the 1984 Reith

events against attempts to reduce them to physical processes in the brain of their behavioural results. Nagel has argued that an under-standing of the mechanics of a brain affords little if any insight into the nature of its posse experience. In a similar vein Searle has repeatedly challenged the notion that mere behaviour can be the touchstone of mentality.

In Consciousness Explained
Dennett takes on this die-hard
opposition, bringing to the task a
iormidable knowledge of philosophy, psychology, physiology, and

His own hypothesis is that consciousness is best understood as a mode of functioning of the

Adam Zeman

CONSCIOUSNESS EXPLAINED By Daniel C. Dennett Allen Lane, £20

brain, rather analogous to the "virtual machine" created by the combination of computer hardware and a computer program. The program governing the human mind is largely written by the cultural environment in which the

ennett adopts a term coined by Richard Dawkins, "meme", to refer to the units of cultural inheritance which come to populate, and create, our consciousness. Hence his definition of the human mind as a "remarkable sort of meme nest". He accepts the corollary of his hypothesis that any combination of software and hardware which recreated the "virtual machine" of consciousness would constitute a mind. It looks as if robots will need civil rights, after all. Dennett realises that this intel-

lectual mouthful is in need of a good deal of seasoning. Much of his book is devoted to an attempt to make the theory palatable by showing that consciousness is not what it seems.

While we tend to conceive of the operations of the mind as unlfied and transparent, he suggests that they are chaotic and opaque. There is no invisible "boss" in the brain, no "central meaner", no unitary self in command of our activities and utterances. There is no internal spectator of a "Carte-sian theatre" in our heads to applaud the march of consciousness across its stage.

nce we fully appreciate the implications of this argument, he claims, our resistance to attempts at reductions of mind to machine or machine program, will melt away. Dennett supports his case with appeals to experience and experimental evidence: "Once we take a serious look backstage, we discover that we didn't actually see what we very distinction between onstage experiences and backstage processes loses its appeal".

This line of argument issues finally in the claim that, unlike the physical world, experience is not real: it just seems to be so. What we are describing, when we think we are describing our experience, are the workings of the "virtual machine". You find this hard to imagine? So do I, but Dennett takes the precaution of warning against "mistaking a failure of imagina-

tion for an insight into necessity". A theory of this general kind has powerful attractions. Consciousness finds a place in the physical world, and the study of its evolution enters the legitimate realm of science. Is there a price to be paid? Dennett warns that our sense of mystery and miracle about the phenomena of mind - though not necessarily of wonder - will be destroyed if we accept his theory. This book does not offer an easy

introduction to its subject: it is highly polemical and often de-manding. Nevertheless, those intrigued by consciousness should put their sense of mystery to the test of this engaging onslaught. I am keen to risk a second brush with these subversive memes.

Dr Zeman is a neurologist

Quoth Isaiah the prophet

ancients understood, is the heart of civilisation: a cataunderstanding. In this marvellous little book. Ramin Jahanbegloo. an Iranian philosopher now living in France, has recorded a series of discussions with Sir Isaiah Berlin which took place in 1958. It is hard to think of a more fitting homage to this great man and legendary conversationalist. Those who have enjoyed Berlin's

company, however briefly, will recognise at once the imprint of his extraordinary mind, liberal spirit. and capacity to listen. When I first met Berlin as a rather green postgraduate, I was astonished and flattered by his benign interrogation What were my plans in Oxford? What was I studying? Why? What did I think of this or that medieval philosopher? Had I read Duns Scotus? (I hadn't.) These lengthy and wide-ranging

conversations have the same zesty quality. There is much to be learn? here about Berlin's career, his long relationship with Oxford and the dramatis personae of his life, who have included Pasternak, Akhmateva. Stravinsky and Auden. Imagine, too, Leo Strauss frying to persuade the incomertly secular Berlin that absolute truth existed: or Churchill's reaction when the composer Irving Berlin turned upfor a lunchtime briefing on American politics instead of



lectual sparks flycussion groups which Berlin or-ganised in his rooms in the '30s, attended by Austin. Ayer and Stu-

art Hameshire. Yet, beyond this biographical detail, Conversations with Isarah Berlin is an invaluable digest of the philosoreminder of their timeliness. The bedrock of Berlin's political thought is a distaste for all-

embracing systems and monolithic approaches to philosophy He admires the pluralism of Herder and Vico, but Hegel's ideas sinke him as "a dark, deep case of Polyphemus, from which few return". Some fortunates may have been granted the metaphysi-



CONVERSATIONS WITH ISAIAH BERLIN By Ramin Jahanbegioo Peter Halban, £17 95

cal eye giving them access to



ruths, how can we believe in the moral safety net of human rights? Well, says Berlin, there may be no absolute moral rules, but there are standards of decency which a great many people endorse and of which one can be intuitively certain, "Don't ask me what I mean by decent," he says. "By decent I

The 1976 International Monetary Fund crisis has come to be seen as a turning-point in post-war economic management, when Keynesianism was replaced by monetarism and when the foundations were laid for Thatcherism. It was not nearly as straightforward as that in practice But the myths of what happened in 1976 have been

highly influential. This account by Kathleen Burk and Sir Alec Cairneross is ultimately unsatisfactory. They have been assiduous in their reporting and analysis, but have failed to establish the full significance of 1976 in the light either of what happened before or what has occurred subsequently.

Ms Burk has supplemented existing secondary sources with revealing interviews with key officials involved, notably Sir Derek Mitchell and Sir William Ryrie (of the Treasury), Sir Alan Whittome (then the chief IMF negotiator), and Karl-Otto Pohl, then at the finance ministry in

Pöhl reports on a conversation with Whittome, a former senior Bank of England official before he Callaghan government and IMF.

Crisis? Oh yes, that IMF crisis

Peter Riddell

GOODBYE GREAT BRITAIN The 1976 IMF Crisis By Kathleen Burk and Alec Cairneross Yale University Press, £18.95

went to the IMF, who said he was sure the British were bugging his phone at his London hotel. That did not, however, do the British side much good.

Reading the book as a journalist who reported on the events, I am constantly struck by the tendency of newspapers to impose a pattern and coherence where there is confusion and uncertainty. While the press got the broad direction right, it failed to appreciate all the strains in relations between the

The authors reasonably conclude that the visit of the IMF was absolutely necessary. Governments that wish to borrow money need the confidence of lenders; the British government had lost this confidence, and the imprimatur of the IMF was required for its return. The Callaghan govern-ment had no choice, but ministers disagreed about what was necessary or indeed about what was wrong. It required all of what Burk describes as "Callaghan's political and management skills" for the

In one sense the sceptics were right; the necessary actions had already been taken to correct the mistakes of the 1972-1975 period. The tighter controls on public spending helped result in a larger fall in spending in 1977 than anything contemplated by the IMF. The IMF measures had little

government and Labour party to

direct impact on output or employment, certainly not the feared deflationary squeeze, since activity does not mean they were unnecessary: the markets and foreign povernments were worried that past errors could be repeated.

Healey's letter of intent to the IMF provided a policy framework against which future policies would be judged. The authors are therefore wrong to argue that "the visit of the IMF mission and the agreement made no lasting change either in government or in followers, neither in expectations nor, in due course, in activities".

Sir Alec's claim that, "apart from the continued issue of monetary targets (which were rarely hit), economic policy in the last years of the Labour government differed little from what it had been before the arrival of the IMF", is misleading. Not only did Labour leaders accept the need to contain public spending, but the publication of monetary targets itself imposed a discipline which led in autumn 1977 to the uncapping of sterling and in 1978 to increases in

interest rates. The Callaghan government

ended in tears because of the breakdown of incomes policy and there was no conversion by the Labour party (or even the Treasury) to monetarism. But the IMF crisis formalised a shift in policy which was taken forward by Mrs Thatcher. It was both necessary and a turning point.



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Duke of boots, but no bad hat

Michael Carver on a military portrait of Wellington, who called his men 'the scum of the earth' and despised reform, yet whose ideas and example still inspire the army's conservative ethos

ooks about Wellington or Waterloo or the Peninsular War appear year after year. What is there w to say? Nothing, of course, such reams have been written. The Duke complained about it in his seven pages. So the success of yet another concoction depends on the mixture, and Lawrence James proves an excellent literary and

Although he calls his book a military biography, he does not go into great detail about the battles. He gives clear outlines, sufficient to enable the reader to understand the main features. Regrettably almost all his explanatory diagrams lack an indication of the points of the compass. He sets out to provide a picture of Wellington himself, of his character, of his military and diplomatic skills and allitary background to his career; and of the nature of the forces he commanded and opposed.

The paint he applies to his canvas is derived from an extensive use of a very wide range of original sources, brushed on in the form of brief quotations. His is an impressionist, at times almost a pointillist, form of work. It is backed by meticulous referencing. which unfortunately does not extend to the few quotations from

French sources. In the earlier part of the book, before the familiar story of the Peninsular War is unfolded, the author at times confuses the reader when he attempts to paint the general background to events be-fore the story has got as far as the events themselves. But the Iron Suke's characteristics are well described: his no-nonsense pragmatism; his down-to-earth com-mon sense; his attention to detail and insistence on seeing to everything himself; his careful husbanding of resources, human and material; his tolerant cynicism,

broken by occasional outbursts of anger, especially at incompetence. or idleness in his subordinates; his cautious generalship.

All these somewhat negative: attributes were enriched by the sharpness of his mind, rapidity of decision and resolute action on the battlefield. He saw clearly and immediately the essentials of the problem, whether tactical, strategic or diplomatic. He was not easily fooled by anybody or anything. He was a realist to

This reinforced and was rein-

THE IRON DUKE A Military Biography of Wellington By Lawrence James

forced by his conservatism. He did not believe in anything newfangled, and deeply distrusted any-fairy ideas put forward by reformers of any kind. Not for him theories of war. One dealt with the immediate problem as best one could with what one had to hand. His ingrained conservatism had a baneful influence on the army after Waterloo. It must be held largely responsible for the fact that the army in the Crimea, 41 years later, was still organised as it had been at Waterloo and fought in the same way, under the command of Lord Ragian, who had been the duke's aide-de-camp

awrence James paints the familiar picture with skill at a length which will be popular with many readers. He does not indulge in speculation as to how it was that Wellington acquired these characteristics. It was in India that he developed them into the mould which became so familiar in Portugal and Spain. But he was

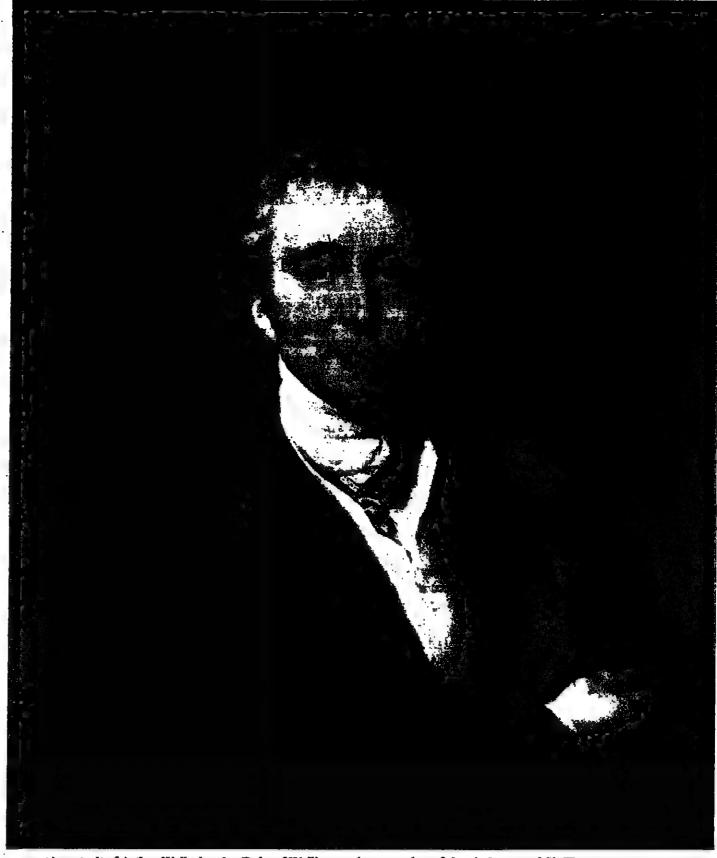
already displaying them when, aged 25 and with no previous military experience and practically no training, he led the 33rd Foot in the disastrous campaign in the Low Countries in 1794, marching up the hill and down again under the command of the Duke of York.

Were his characteristics inherit-ed? Certainly not from his feckless. musical father, the 1st Earl of Mornington: possibly from his unsympathetic old dragon of a mother, born Anne Hill, so crusty that she was known by her family as La Vieille Croûte. Nor were they shared by his sister and four brothers, who were all very differ-ent. His education and upbringing were no different from those of his very different sister and four spent at the French Royal Cavalry School at Angers in 1786.

Going away there by himself at the age of 17 may have contributed to his self-reliance: "I like to walk alone," he told his brother Henry, later Lord Cowley, in 1801. But that experience could hardly have transformed him. One explanation could be that he saw all the faults of his eldest brother Richard - faults that, as Wellington's superior in India, he was to display to the full in later years — and was determined to avoid them. He certainly succeed-

The British army, faced with "Options for Change" two centuries after Wellington was comissioned into its ranks, is faithful to his legacy. It is loyal to the splendid example he set of leadership, in and out of battle; but also, in some quarters, to the conservatism which dogged the army through the rest of his long life, and has infected it ever

Fleid-Marshal Lord Carver is a



A portrait of Arthur Wellesley, 1st Duke of Wellington, by a member of the circle around Sir Thomas Lawrence

he austere political histori-an, Lewis Namier, invariably referred to her as "the tiresome Mrs Delany". Yet if he had been interested in Ireland's 18th-century domestic and social arrangements he would have been forced back to Mary Delany's

She was born Mary Granville at the turn of the century, and family Date connections gave her instant en-uncongenial husband left her de-... termined never to remarry without companionship. Such independence of mind drew her to artistic and musical circles and led her to visit Ireland in 1731. There she got to know Jonathan Swift, as well as his friend, the Rev Patrick

Delany. Her marriage in 1743 to this comparatively humble intellectual was a daring act. Her family was against the match, and her move to a modest country house outside Dublin (on an island "seldom more than 40 hours" from London) must have been viewed as exile in more ways than one. Through her family's influence, her new husband was elevated to Dean of Down, a modest living which, for some years, Mary vainly hoped was a step on the way

a bishopric. From the very beginning Mrs

Georgian gossip from Dublin town

Delany threw herself into Dublin social life. There was plenty going on. Dublin was a boom town with its own parliament and a thriving cotton and linen trade encourage ing the building of fabulous houses and an interest in decoration and the arts. Mrs Delany's knowledge of such areas, as well as her talent as a needlewoman and corator, were much in demand. "I have just spent two and a half hours choosing worsted for a friend in the north, who is working

a fright of a carpet!" Much of her art is reproduced in this very handsome book, though reading her litany of social events, it is hard to imagine how she found the time to produce so much. Dinner parties racketed on all afternoon and evening; balls lasted until dawn, sounding wilder and more democratic than anything to which she had been accustomed. Dancing with an outrageous Captain Folliat, "Snap went something that we thought had been the main bone in his leg.

but it proved only a bone in his toe.

Aisling Foster

LETTERS FROM GEORGIAN IRELAND The Correspondence of Mary Delany 1731-68 Edited by Angelique Day The Friar's Bush Press, £17.50

Notwithstanding which, he fought upon his stumps.

The Delanys were quickly drawn into Dublin Castle life, the Big House world. As the editor notes, the English Mrs Delany does not seem to have taken much interest in "the traditions of the local inhabitants". Nor does she appear to have made much contact with the natives in her own house. Servants were often recruited on the couple's three-yearly visits to England and Mr Delany's nieces were given positions in the household. Nonetheless, the writer is sympathetic to the poverty of her adopted country. When England's

Idsh cloth industry, she makes a point of dressing in Irish fabrics, proudly claiming to have set a fashion in Dublin Castle.

Yet the Penal Laws were still in force, if only nominally, forbid-ding Catholics to own land, enter parliament or hold public office. It is interesting to read of a new friend, Miss Crilly, a nun: "I don't call upon her so often as I should like to, as people are so offended here if these nuns are much taken notice of." Dean Delany's own religious duties seem light, though his wife makes constant reference to the hard work he undertakes during his summer visit to Down. There were compensations, particularly in the conversion of the McDermots, two Catholic sisters: What they most stuck at was transubstantiation, but I believe they have been thoroughly con-vinced of their error in that point."

Religion does not impinge much on daily life. The pursuit of asure, beauty, learning and debate are motivating factors in the Delany household, though the

writer is resolutely unintellectual. Recounting an evening with a bluestocking who fluently translated the Riad, she notes that so much learning may have "taken her off from an attention to little polishings of behaviour that are very becoming to all ages".

and children are greatly indulged. often to the disapproval of the childless Mrs Delany. She is baffled by the self-exile of a Mrs Hamilton to Finglas to be near a good day-school for her son.

Reading such nuggets, one becomes even more aware of the book's lack of even the most rudimentary biographical section. Sybil Connolly's introduction (sublimely smug, like Mrs Delany herself) seems to suggest that this collection is designed as no more than a pretty book to be dipped into at bedtime. If so, it is a missed opportunity.

Between friends", notes Mrs Delany, "no circumstance is ever trivial". One sometimes wonders whether her correspondents felt a siriking of the heart at yet one more relentlessly cheery account of the gardening, painting, chaircover embroidery or the or-dering of a silver tureen (inexplicably glossed as "earthenware"). But tiresome as she sometimes is, such details become bizarrely riveting with the simple passage of time.

Transfigured night of Ulster

among the finest first novels of this or any other year. The author, a 38-year-old teacher of English at a mixed grammar school, has virtually no links with other writers in Northern Ireland. His only previous work was a superb collection of short stories, Oranges from Spain, which ap-peared two years ago. Taken together, these two books represent a literary transfiguration of the horror. Park's writing is part of the resistance to

fear and brutalisaism has unintentionally produced.

The Healing, as its title implies, is concerned with the unseen wounds inflicted by political murder: a boy sees the shooting of his father, a part-time soldier; a devout father finds that his son is a terrorist. How do flesh and blood bear such suffering? Park's answer is like the culture of the Uister Prot-

he springs, theo logical. Unlike their politicians, he

can make their mentality comprehensible, even likeable. He explores what might crudely be called the metaphysical problem of communal evil.

dumb by sorrow, and the prayers for deliverance of Mr Ellison, the old man who has kept in ledgers newspaper cuttings of every terrorist victim, and whose messianic hopes for the province are vested in Samuel. Those hopes are, of course, destined to be dashed Samuel must heal himself: he cannot help Mr Ellison. The latter and his son Billy move towards their sacrificial fate like Abraham

He does this through the eerie silence of Samuel, the child struck

and Isaac, but minus divine

All this might strike the reader as abstract, even recondite, were it not for Park's relentless realism He has observed the sideshows and unconsidered trifles of Ulster life at least as carefully as the high drama of "the troubles". Delicate scenes such as that in which a colonel and the army chaplain visit Samuel's mother to offer her financial help are handled with effortless verisimilitude. The moral chaos on the edge of which Samuel finds him-

Daniel Johnson self when his mother moves to THE HEALING Belfast is unforgettably suggested when the sinister Billy takes the boy with him one night

> burn in a Boschlike vision of heli. The underlying message is that individual healing can happen, even within a community that is for the present beyond col-David Park offers no panacea, no escape clause: only this thought, voic-

By David Park Jonathan Cape, £13.99

> mother when she decides in the end to leave Belfast and return home: "It's not us that have anything to be ashamed of, it's not us that need to hide our faces from the world."

By focusing on the un-fashionable plight of the families linked to the security forces, Park risks accusations of a hidden loyalist agenda. Such charges would be unjust. In his stories Park looked at the problem from every point of view: Catholic as well as Protestant, the joyrider and the urchin who shouts abuse at a dying soldier. The Healing does not seek to assign blame for the troubles. Park's subject is the human condition, refracted through the prism of a province martyred by its own sons.

Guillotining goes like clockwork

trade laws threaten to ruin the

¬ he circus is back in town. Heralded by a fanfare of A extravagant literary com-parisons — mainly with Patrick Suskind and Umberto Eco -Allan Kurzweil's first novel, A Case of Curiosities, makes its entrance. And certainly, in the studied artificiality of its structure, the eccentricity of its characters and its well-researched evocation of period, the book has more in common with works by European exponents of the Gothic romance than with contemporary American realist fiction.

In its fascination with the recondite and the bizarre, the book also recalls Georges Perec's La vie mode d'emploi. Just as the fiendishly intricate jigsaw puzzles of Perec's Gaspard Winkler form the central motif of the former, so the reader of Kurzweil's book is invited to construct, from a selection of apparently disconnected fragments, an entire history.

The novel opens with the discovery, in an auction room in Paris, of a case of curiosities, containing a shell, a stuffed bird, a watch and so on. This is an analogue for the novel itself. Each object in the case corresponds to a different stage in the life history of the main protagonist, Claude Page – a naïve, freakishly gifted young man with a predilection for mechanical invention. We follow Claude from his childhood in rural, pre-Revolu-tionary France to his eventual success as a maker of automata and travelling showman - a career brought to an abrupt end by the Terror. So far so good. And if schematic

ingenuity were all that were required of a novel, then this book might justify its hype. Unfortu-nately, Kurzweil is never able to animate his collection of oddities and arcana into anything resembling a coherent narrative. Like the miscellany of objects around which it is structured, his novel remains lifeless.

There are two reasons for this. The first is that the author's preoccupation with mechanistic artefacts seems to extend itself to his treatment of character. Everyone in his book is grotesque in one way or another, from Claude himself, to the gallery of rogues and misfits he encounters: the . eccentric aristocrat, the gargantuan coachman, the pornographic-book

seller and the wet-nurse with a heart of gold. Kurzweil's characters are as devoid of psychological complexity as his protagonist's celebrated automaton, the "Talking Turk". And while he can get away with this in the novel's comic scenes, his depiction of more solemn moments has the tinny sound of bathos ("He pounded his hands **Christina Koning**

A CASE OF CURIOSITIES



By Allan Kurzweil BLUE RIVER By Ethan Canin Picador, £13.99

lessly muttering 'Why? Why?") The second important deficiency in the work is, if anything, more serious, because it is harder to against the mantelpiece, mindcorrect. The depiction of character

can be worked on, but a bad style is something you cannot do much about. And, for all its ostentatious

erudition, this is a badly

written book, displaying

its author's deafness to

language on every page. Kurzweil's writing mixes orotund phrase-making with anachronistic colloquialism in a way that is often unintentionally hilarious. Characters "chomp" their way through the courses of a banquet; they are "in shock" at bad news; they are au fait with "dress codes". "diapers" and "tearjerkers". Of course, it would be unreasonable to expect the author to be

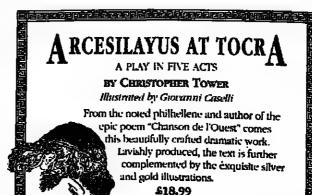
able to reproduce the 18th-century prose in what is, after all, no more than a contemporary Bildungsroman in fancy dress. But it is hard not to be reminded, when confronted with this downmarket Candide, this Hollywood pastiche of Le Rouge et Le Noir, of how much better the real thing

The only thing that links Ethan Canin's first novel, Blue River, to Kurzweil's book is no more than a coincidence: the central character of each has a deformed hand. Whether this is an incidental detail or symbolically significant is left, in Canin's book at least, for

the reader to decide. Such reticence is characteristic of Canin's style Briefly, the book is a study of the

relationship between two brothers - one a successful ophthalmologist, the other a hopeless drifter. Its opening sequence takes place in the prosperous Californian suburb where the narrator, Edward, the "successful" brother, lives. The arrival on his doorstep one Sunday morning of his elder brother, Lawrence, whom he has not seen for almost 15 years, sparks off painful recollections which Edward, secure in the bourgeois comfort of his chosen lifestyle, does his best to suppress.

But once the genie of the past has been let out of its bottle, it cannot easily be conjured back Through Edward's refuctant eyes. The author explores the brothers' shared history, and the chain of random circumstances and unspoken hostilities which have made them what they are. Canin's writing is sharp and assured, as anyone familiar with his short stories might expect. The novel form, however, gives him a chance to develop his considerable talent for character-drawing. This is a novel in the great American tradition of realist fiction: quiet, undramatic (even in the depiction of highly dramatic events) and elliotical. It is the kind of book that will continue to be read for the accuracy of its observation and felicities of style long after the



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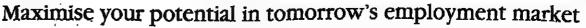


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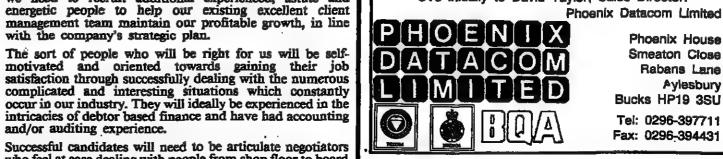
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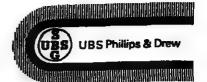
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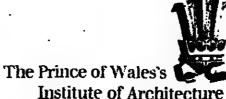
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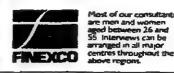
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he British manager's traditional love affair with job mobility - the idea. that getting on means reaching out to greener pastures— may be a mistake. New research suggests that those who stay put may have more successful careers.

"There is no evidence to suggest

that moving jobs helps you get on," says Professor Peter Herriot, the research director at Sundridge Park Management Centre in southeast London. His research shows that the longer managers have stayed with employers, the more senior they are and the

higher their salary.
A survey of 753 junior, middle and senior managers at Sund-ridge showed that even UK managers in their mid-thirties are likely to have worked for three organisations and to have held four jobs in their company, half of them promotions. On average, managers were promoted every 2.2 years and changed organisation every seven years.
In addition, the survey found

that the more frequently managers moved the less satisfied they were with their progress.

"The faster they are moved and promoted, the higher are managers' expectations that they will reach the top," Professor Herriot says. "But in the lean and hungry organisations of the 1990s there will be far fewer levels of management. Consequently, opportunities for promotion are becoming fewer will need to think of their careers in new ways - less thrusting upwards and onwards, more exploring new territories in subtle sideways movements."

Although most UK managers still believe that rapid job moves are vital to career progress, mobility is probably decreasing, and not just because of the recession. New corporate strategies and structures are changing the traditional belief that a managerial career means a steady ascent through layers of status, responsibility and salary.

For example, during the 1980s most companies inexorably chipTHE FARTHER millin JEABOY MESSENGER CLERK JUNIOR MANAGER MIDDLE MANAGER DEPUTY SALESTMINAGES SALES MANAGER SALES DIRECTOR PANAGING DIRECTOR CHABRMAN! Kenkyne

ped away at middle management . levels, creating flatter structures and reducing promotion pros-pects. Changes in strategy can also mean that new emphasis is given to specific functions, such as marketing, while technological development might create completely new types of jobs. Mergers, equisitions and liquidations have also caused new career

uncertainty.
Professor Herriot believes traditional job movements within large organisations as a method of management development will also decrease.

"Large companies have traditionally prepared cohorts of poten-tial senior managers by moving people every 18 months or so between jobs and functions," he says. "That is losing popularity — first, because people expect these moves to be a promotion, and with the levelling of management the jobs are just not around, and second because, if they prepare people in this way, there is no guarantee that they will be able to

keep them.
"I think we will see much more

development effort going into keeping people in the same job or at the same level but broadening them through project work and such things as secondment."

BP, for example, is introducing a group-wide programme to improve skills and experience at all levels. An implicit message is that

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Karen Roberts, of BP's human

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still take place, but as the organis-

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ladder but also about enriching your current job and improving satisfaction.

This emphasis is quite new for some people on our fast-track programme, who have traditionalbeen developed by a series of frequent planned moves," says

development is not only about fecting career progress. It asked moving jobs and climbing the what makes people want to leave a what makes people want to leave a job, what makes managers feel they are behind, on target or ahead in their careers, and what personal or organisational factors affect career progress.

Again, length of service was a key issue. If managers regard themselves as marketable and WHEN I last left a job it was by my own decision. The year was 1985 and I walked straight into a new job. This time round I was made redundant and there were no jobs of any kind to walk into. I had to start again, to re-invent myself as though I were a newly

body deep into middle age. I will not pretend I was not daunted by the prospect. I have woken up in a cold sweat in the middle of more nights

minted graduate, not some-

than I like to think about. The first and most important discovery I made in my new life was that all my past employers had been thieves. I mean that literally. They had consumed far more of my time than they ever paid for.

If you have a job that is anything more than pure routine you live with it all your waking hours, consciously or not. Virtually all the originality or creativity you have is ab-sorbed by the job that pays your salary. When you have no job, you all at once recover the use of your talents.

My second discovery was that any job tends to cast you in its own restricting mould. My last job was as leader writer on the Today news-paper. So for five years I had concentrated on whatever interested that newspaper.

Now my mind was liberated from the preoccupations that went with that job. I could think about anything I chose. I could do whatever I had it in me to do. Here I made my third discovery. There was, in fact, quite a lot in me. It was nothing more nor less than the accumulated experience of the years, a pile of resources lying like an undiscovered coal seam at the back of my mind.

Years are undoubtedly a handicap when you are looking for a job. Employers prefer young people, claiming they are more energetic, creative, flexible and all that. This is clap-trap dreamt up by human resources departments to proride a respectable cover for the truth — that employers prefer youngsters because they come cheap and are less likely to talk back. I had proof of this when I applied for a rare job

spotted in an obscure journal.

With disarming frankness, my prospective employer replied: "I am looking for somebody I can boss around. You would probably boss me around." Quite so.

Years, however, need be no handicap if you are selfemployed. Then something else steps in to replace the dubious assets of youth: the aforementioned experience.

profession you know a great deal. Parcel it up in neat packages that suit the market and you will be surprised how many buyers there are. That, at least, is what I have found. I have co-written and published one book, Typically British? The Prudential-MORI Guide, with Robert Worcester, and aim to write several more.

I have a dozen other plans, too, pinned up in front of me as I write.

One short-term set of pretty firm commitments should pay my bills for the next few months.

A second set, less firm, will see me through two or three years if they come off. A third set, more wobbly

still, will make me rich beyond the dreams of Croesus. My new life may yet end in tears or the dole queue. All I can say is that I find work far more exhilarating now than for many years.

The irregular way in which money arrives is disconcerting after you have been salaried. I live every day like a millionaire and hope for the best, or like a pauper and expect the worst.

The best guide to unemployment I have found, incidentally, is not some gormless manual that tells you how to make your curriculum vitae look interesting or the best way to cut a dash at an

What you really need is a good book on evolution. "Adapt or die" is a rule as vital for the middle-aged, middle-class man out of work as for any other threatened species. I only wish I had started my own evolution into the sub-species of the self-employed many

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appear to be in the employer's

hand," Professor Herriot con-

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Limit to redundancy payment

North Tyneside Metropolitan Council v Allsop Before Lord Justice Parker, Lord Justice McCowan and Sir John

Court of Appeal

[Judgment March 3] A local authority had no power under the Local Government Act 1972 to make redundancy payments which were for amounts in excess of those which it was obliged to make under section 61

of the Employment Protection (Consolidation) Act 1978 and under regulations made pursuant to the Superannuation Act 1972. The Court of Appeal stated dismissing the appeal of North Tyneside Metropolitan Borough Council from the judgment of the Queen's Bench Divisional Court

(The Times October 8, 1991) granting the applicant, David Allsop, district auditor, a declaration that items in the council's accounts for the financial year 1990/1991 attributable to the making of enhanced severance payments were unlawful and ordering that there should be rectification of the accounts. Section 111 of the Local Gov-ernment Act 1972 provides "(1)

, subject to the provisions of this a local authority shall have power to do anything ... which is calculated to lucilizate or is conducive or incidental to, the discharge of any of their

Mr James Goudie QC and Mr Mark Lowe for the council; Mr John Howell for Mr Powell; Miss Eluabeth Slade for the Local Government Management Roard, interveners.

LORD JUSTICE PARKER said that the issue was whether the council had any power to make payments to persons made redundant in excess of those which it was obliged to make under section \$1 of the 1978 Act and those which it was obliged or empowered to make under the regulations referred to, which regulations were made under the Superannuation Act 1972.

The council contended that it had such power by virtue of sections 111 and 112 of the Local Government Act 1972. The pri-mary submission of the council was that the power existed by virtue of section 112 alone; alternatively, the power existed by virtue of section III coupled with section 112. In the further alternative, it was submitted that the power existed by virtue of section the council under Part IX of the

From the provisions of sections 111 and 112 it could be appre-ciated that the difference between the council's primary contention and its alternative contentions to appoint under section 112 was subject only to the provisions of the Act itself, the powers con-ferred by section 111 were subject not only to the provisions of the Act itself but also to "any other enactment passed before or after

this Act. It was accordingly submitted that if the power to make the disputed payments could be found in section 112 there could be no question of it being excluded or affected by any other Act or enactment

section 112? There was clearly no express power to make payments of any son to persons made redundant. There was an express duty to appoint and clearly, in subsection (2), power to fix the terms and conditions on which an appointee should hold office; but

It was submitted, however, that there must also be inherent power to dismiss and to fix terms for dismissal including terms for payment in the event that dis-missal was on the ground of redundancy.
His Lordship could not accept

that submission. In his judgment, the power to do anything which was not expressly provided for by section 112 had to be found, if it was to be found at all, in section

section III coupled with section II2? The essence of the subion was that the express duty and power in section 112 was a function of a local authority and it was conducive to the discharge of that function to make or agree to

make redundancy payments.
Further, although section III
was subject to the Act itself and any other enactment passed before or after the Act. section 112 was the dominant section. If the function itself was subject only to the Act then notwithstanding the express words of section 111, the ancillary power conferred by it must also be subject only to the Act. His Lordship regarded that argument as untenable.

Was the power to be found in section 111 coupled with the functions in Part IX? There could be no doubt that, by virtue of section 111, a local authority had power to engage staff on agreed terms and to dismiss them. It could not otherwise discharge any

For the auditor, it was argued that even if such power were not made subject to the Act and any other enactment there would be no power to make or provide for redundancy payments. The basis of that argument was that to make or provide for redundancy make or provide for redundancy payments would be ancillary to an ancillary power and that section 111 only allowed for powers ancillary to an express function.

That being so, the real question

for determination was simply whether any such power was excluded or restricted by the Act itself or any other enactment passed before or after the Act. His Lordship referred to the

provisions of sections 7 and 24 of the Superannuation Act 1972. the Local Government (Compensation for Prematur Retirement Regulations (SI 1982 No 1009) and the Local Government (Compensation for Redun-dancy and Premature Retirement Regulations (SI 1984 No 740), both of which were made under section 24, and concluded that the Divisional

Court was right.
His Lordship said that to give a different answer would involve ignoring the restriction or limitstion imposed by the opening words of section 111 and the plain intention of Perliament that the secretary of state, subject to parliamentary power to annu-regulations in accordance with the Act, should be in complete charge of what was to be or might be paid on redundancy in addition to the payments provided for by the 1978 Acs.

Lord Justice McCowan and Sir John Megaw agreed. Solicitors: Mr E. D. Nixon. North Shields: A. A. Child: Beachcroft Stanleys.

Party has duty of good faith towards joint venturer

Elliott v Wheeldon Before Lord Justice Dillon, Lord Justice Nourse and Lord Justice Leggatt

Judgment March 5] Where two parties entered into a Where two parties entered into a joint venture through a company, with one of the parties guaranteeing the company's liabilities, the other party owed a duty to conduct himself in such a way as not to increase the other party's liabilities except in good faith.

The Court of Appeal so stated in dismissing an appeal brought by

dismissing an appeal brought by the defendant, John Wheeldon, against the decision of Mr Julian Jells, QC, sitting as a deputy judge of the Chancery Division on May 9, 1991 holding that the order of Master Munrow striking out the statement of claim of the plaintiff, Martyn Wheeldon, be discharged.

The plaintiff was a substantial

shareholder in Hookside Encto-sures Ltd which made fibre glass kennels. The plaintiff asked the defendant to design steel runs to

go with the kennels. After the runs had been designed, Lemhill Ltd was incorporated for the purpose of making them and 30 per cent of the shares were issued by the plaintiff, the remainder being owned by the defendant and his

In due course, the defendant became a director of Hookside. By a guarantee in writing, the plaintiff guaranteed all liabilities of Hookside to the Royal Bank of Scotland up to £3,500. The defen-

dant was well aware of the existence of the guarantee. By March 1987 Hookside was solvent and trading profitably and it took over all the assets and undertaking of Lembill and dis-charged the liabilities of Lembill. The plaintiff further guaranteed the payment of Hookside's debts up to £12,000.

During the plaintiff's absence on holiday, it was alleged that the defendant dishonestly purported to invoice Hookside, on behalf of

undertaking of Lemhill had al-ready occurred. Mr Richard Mawrey. QC and Mr Bernard O'Sullivan for the defendant, Mr Geoffrey Zelin for

LORD JUSTICE NOURSE said that Mr Mawrey, while accepting that the defendant, as a director of Hookside. owed a fiduciary duly to the company, argued that no such dury was owed by a director to strangers with whom the company was

with whom the company was dealing nor to creditors or contingent creditors of the company.

As a general proposition that might well be true but it was arguable on the facts of the present case and on the basis of particular joint wenture that the particular joint venture that the point could succeed and the writ and statement of claim would

Lord Justice Dillon and Lord Justice Leggan agreed. Solicitors: Redfern & Stigant,

Council can recover flats

Camden Loadon Borough Council v Shortlife Comminity Housing Ltd and Others Before Mr Justice Millett [Judgment March 4]

Occupants of flats intended to be short-life housing were not en-titled to tenancies but only to short-term licences and therefore the local authority owners of the buildings were entitled to an

order for possession.

Mr Justice Millett so held in the Chancery Division when granting a declaration that neither Shordife Community Housing Shortile Community Housing Lift (SCH) nor any of the 62 other defendants, occupants of flats in Gray's Inn Road, were entitled to protected tenancies rather than ort-term licences.

Mr Anthony Mann, QC and Miss Jacqueline Baker for the council; Mr Terence Gallivan for SCH; Mr David Watkinson for the 62 occupants of flats.

MR JUSTICE MILLETT said MR JUSTICE MILLETT said that the London Borough of Camden sought a declaration that it was entitled to possession of three blocks of flats at Gray's Inn Buildings containing a total of 65 mostly single-bedroom flats, held by SCH under what purported to be licences granted by the council between 1978 and 1985.

The 62 individual defendants claimed to be in occuration as

claimed to be in occupation as tenants of SCH and SCH claimed

tenancies.
The questions were: (1) whether SCH had a tenancy or tenancies of the blocks or any part of them, and (ii) if so, whether any of such tenancies were protected by Part II of the Landlord and Tenant Act. 11 of the Landford and Tenant Act. 1954. It was common ground that unless both questions were answered in the affirmative the council was entitled to succeed against all defendants.

From 1966 to 1978 the three

blocks were used to house council tenants, but then the council made them available to SCH for use as short-life housing until it required the buildings for modernisation or demolicion.

That rotics had been adented

That policy had been adopted in order to avoid a waste of housing during a period of acuse shortage and to prevent them being invaded by squatters and vandalised.

SCH was formed in 1970 as an unincorporated association, a tenams cooperative, and it was registered as a charity. It paid to the council a nominal rent of 50p a week for each property. The council regarded it as an extension of its own social housing net provider not a recipient of

of SCH. They were required to sign a document expressed to be made between the council and SCH which in terms stated "SCH holds a licence from the council (which is simply a permission to occupy and is not a tenancy)".

It described the weekly payments as rent and stated "memhers must pay rent". It contained no provision for termination, save that notice would be given "as soon as practicable after receipt of termination of licence from the owners of the premises".

In 1983 SCH was incorporated

as a company limited by guarantee, with the same objects as those of the unincorporated association. All the flats were self-contained and occupants were given their own keys and enjoyed exclusive possession. as their predecessors had done.

In Street v Mountford [[1985] AC 809) the House of Lords had held that, save in exceptional circumstances, the grant of excha-sive possession of residential accommodation for a term at a ordicarily the only intention which was relevant was the intention to grant exclusive possession.

Mr Mann relied on the many creatile features of the present company or the present c

special features of the present case as special circumstances which negatived the creation of a tennegatived the creation of a ten-ancy despite the grant of exclusive possession but his Lordship considered that his argument was based on a misreading of Lord Templeman's speech in Street v Mountford, where he had held that the test for distinguishing between the grant of a tenancy or of a licence was the presence or absence of a legal right to exclu-sive possession.

what was created depended not on the parties' professed in-tentions but on the legal effect of the transaction into which they had entered. The only three had entered. The only three examples of exceptional circumstances given by Lord Templeman were (i) where circumstances negatived any intention to create legal relations and (iii) where the grantor had no legal power to create a tenancy, as authority. As Lord Templeman had

referable to some other legal relationship such as vendor and

purchaser or master and servant

pointed out, while the right to exclusive possession distinguished a tenancy from a licence, not every occupier with exclusive possession was a tenant. Owners and trespassers did not

rely on anyone's consent. Purchasers and employees might be given the legal right to exclusive possession but in such cases the right may be referable to a legal relationship other than that of landford and tenant. Where, however, the only legal

relationship was that of grantor and grantee of a legal right of exclusive possession, then a ten-ancy was created. It followed that in the absence of some other legal relationship to which it could be attributed, the grant of a legal right of exclusive possession by a body with power to grant it to a body with power to take it did create the relationship of landlord and tenant and there

was no room for special circumstances to negative the con-sequences of the transaction.

That was not to say that special circumstances in the wider sense were irrelevant. They might negwere treetvant. They hight hegal relations or to grant exclusive possession but that was all. Were it otherwise there would be no standard by which "exceptional circumstances" could be eval-

It was common ground that each licence of a flat was intended to create legal relations. But each licence was the consequence of a wider and continuing relationship between the parties, that existing between a local authority with housing responsibilities and a short-life housing organisation. That was, however, not a relationship to which a legal right of exclusive possession could be attributed. It was common ground that

evidence, the parties intended SCH to have a legal right to exclusive possession of any of the flats, and if so whether at the material time the council had the legal power to carry that intention into effect, his Lordship concluded that once incorporated SCH could not fulfil the "tenant condition" prescribed by section 28(3) of the Housing Act 1980, in that whether or not an unincorporated association could be regarded as an individual or as individuals, a body corporate could not be so regarded: any purported grant of a tenancy to SCH made after 1980 would

His Lordship was also satisfied that unless the parties expressed an intention differed from their true intention, or failed to reflect that intention, their professed intention plainly demonstrated by the terms of the documents that no legal right to exclusive pos-session was to be granted.

have been ultra vires the council

The strength of SCH's case lay in the fact that all the flats were occupation by persons enjoying exclusive possession and had previously been so occupied by council tenants. SCH had exercised complete control over allocation of flats, had handed keys to the occupants and no keys had been retained by the council or by

SCH fixed the rents and col-lected and retained them for its own benefit. The council however that SCH would grant rights of exclusive possession to the

No tenancy of any flat was created and the declaration sought by the council would be granted.

Solicitors: Winckworth & Pemberton; Alan Edwards & Co. Notting Hill: Bindman

Husband's sentence correct

Persistent breaches of a non-molestation injunction by a husband that involved no physical violence but which put his wife in fear entitled a judge to semence him to 16 months imprisonment for contempt of court.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Nourse and Mr Justice Thorpe so held on February 26 when dismissing an appeal by a husband against orders for his imprisonment made by Judge

Bell in Carlisle County Court on January 3 and 6, 1992.

MR JUSTICE THORPE said MR JUSTICE THORPE said that the husband was committed to prison for four months for earlier breaches in July 1991. On his release early in November he had been warned by the judge of the serious consequences of any further breaches.

Accepting that a prison sentence for his subsequent breaches was not wrong in principle, the husband argued that Judge Bell's

sentence was manifestly excessive in a case where there was no physical violence against the wife. But the judge had found that the husband had undertaken a campaign of threats to put his wife in lear; had not heeded the hides's warning and had chown a judge's warning and had shown a complete absence of contrition and good sense. Only his removal and good sense. Only no removal for a significant period would afford the wife protection. Despite the absence of actual physical violence, the sentence imposed by the judge was above criticism.

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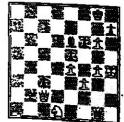
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9.05 Kilroy A topical discussion hosted by Robert Kilroy-Silk (9904763) 9.50 Hot Chefs. Paul and Jeanne Rankin prepare fried goujonettes of monkish with a seame and ginger vinaignette (8057299) 10.00 News, regional news and weather (8971909) 10.05 Playdays (/) (8497034) 10.25 Poddington Peas. Cartoon (/) (8974096) 10.25 No Kidding Alike Smith hosts the family quiz (s) (9427763) 11.00 News, response pages and weather (4100763) 11.05 Reasthoules. 11.00 News, regional news and weather (4109763) 11.05 Beauty

Tups on how to stay young and beautiful (s) (364589) 11.30 People Today (9833102) Including at 12.00 News, regional news and weather 12.20 Pebble Mill with Alan Titchmarsh (s) (2553831) 12.55 Regional News and weather (60185015) 1,00 One O'Clock News and weather (73560)

1.30 Neighbours (Ceelas) (s) (81727675) 1.50 Racing: Cheltenham National Hunt Festival Julian Wilson

1.50 Recing: Cheltenham National Hunt Festival Julian Wilson introduces the final day's line-up (2.15) Daily Express Trumph Hurdle, (2.50) Rit; Club National Hunt Chase; (3.30) Tote Cheltenham Gold Cup. Continues on BBC2 at 3.55 (s) (30829693) 3.50 Children's BBC; Melvin and Maureen's Music-a-Grams (s) (5499367) 4.05 Against the Storm. Haluk Bilginer reads the fourth of a five part story by Gaye Heylimaz for Jackanory (s) (500473) 4.20 The Further Adventures of SuperTed. Cartoon (r) (4813893) 4.30 Dizzy Heights (Ceetax) (s) (6670229) 4.55 Newsround (5116763) 5.05 Blue Peter. (Ceetax) (s) (8602589) 5.35 Neighbours (Ceetax) (s) (401096) Northern Ireland: Inside Ulster (6.00 Six O'Clock News with Arna Ford and Andrew Harvey. (Ceetax) Westher (947)

6.30 Regional News Magazines (299) Northern Ireland: Neighbours (!) (Ceefax) 7.00 Top of the Pops (s) (3831)

7.30 EastEnders (Ceetar) (s) (183) 8.00 Last of the Summer Wine: A Landlady for Smiler More gentle humour from the Yorkshire Dales (r) (Ceefax) (s) (9251) 8.30 Us Girls Valentine's day sets hearts racing and tempers flying in

the Panock household. (Ceelas) (s) (8386) 9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis (Ceefax). Regional News and weather (6980)
9.30 Budget Response by Alan Both, treasury spokeamen for the

Liberal Democrat party (655657)

9.40 Porridge: Prisoner and Escort. The prior episode of the priceles:

Duck Clement-lan La Frenais sitcom in which Fletch (Ronnin Barker) begins his a live-year sentence (r) (Ceelas) (934676)



Butting in: Ruby Wax sucks up to Lauren Bacall (10.10pm) 10.10 The Full Waz II

O CHOICE The shrill and extrevert Ruby Wax is back with her checifully bosterous show that will delight and imitate in equally large measures. The maxture is as before, with Jenniter Saunders gamely playing stooge, a celebrity guest and a pokey report from the United States by someone called Taffy Turner. Carrying over a gar, from the last senes, Ruby stages another carefully scripted. galterash of Joanna Lumley, who is made up to took like the villam in a Hammer film. The star guest, enticed into Ruby's vulgarly decorated studio lounge, is Lauren Bacail Ruby is a temble afternewer, butting in all the time, and for all her bluster just as bland as Wogan. At one point Saunders make an impassioned plea for decent clothes and decent lines. She gets the biggest applause of the evening (s) (888541)

19.45 Question Time Peter Sissons is joined by Douglas Hurd, foreign secretary. Margaret Beckett, Labour's treasury spokeswoman; Dr Ann Robinson, head of the policy unit for the institute of Directors; and Malcolm Bruce MP. Liberal Democrat spokesman for Scotland (671102) Northern Ireland. Spotlight; 11.15 Question Time.

11.45 Second Chance, Fifty-year-old Jean Cowley on how she has been

able to develop her artistic skills (Ceetax) (552744)

12.00 Paradise Western series (3611058). Northern Ireland. 12.15am Second Chance, 12.30 Faces of Islam 12.45am Weather

12.50 Faces of Islam British Muslims talk about their faith during the

month of Ramadan (4616313) 1.05 Close 2.00 The Way Ahead (r) (6779435) Ends at 2.15

BBC 2

6.45 Open University. Magnetic Earth (8914386). Ends at 7.10 8.00 News (9651386) 8.15 Wastminster (8711454) 9.00 Daytime on Two 2.00 News and weather (74202218): You and Me (r) (56755783)

2.15 Advice Shop. The achievements of the Equal Opportunities.
Commission over the past 17 years (3862183)
3.00 News and weather (3511096) followed by Westminster Live.
Including prime minister's question time (8320270) 3.45 News and
weather, regional news and weather (4570812)
3.55 Racing: Cheltenham National Hunt Fastival Julian Wilson
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3.55 Racing: Chesternam National Wint Fastival, Julian Wilson Introduces further coverage of the final day's races: (4.05) Christie's Foxhunter Steeplechase Challenge Cup (s) (3181378) 4.30 Catchword. Word game hosted by Paul Coia (s) (116) 5.00 Sesbrook's Year. The sheering season is a lucrative period for Richard Seabrook (r) (8909) 5.30 Food and Drink (r) (s) (576) 6.00 Film: Escape from Zahrain (1962). Stodgy adventure starring Yullaryiner as a rebel Arab leader who hijacks an ambulence and flees across the desert. Directed by Ronald Neone (24367), Weley-Sea across the desart. Directed by Ronald Neame (24367). Weles: See Hearl; 6.30 Deutsch Direkt; 6.55 Advice Shop Extral; 7.00 Bazear;

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7.30 First Sight: Fighting for Air. The link between air pollution and asthma (725). Northern Ireland: Situations Vacant; Wales: Abroad in Britain; East: Matter of Fact; Midlands: Midlands Report; North,

Northeast, Northwest: Close Up North; South: Southern Eye; Southwest: Western Approach; West: Current Account 8.00 Abroad in Britain: House Ahoy. The senes about British exoticism looks at the Solent; a Mecca for sailors. Presented by Jonathan Meades. (Ceefax) (7883). Wales: 8.00 How Green?
8.30 Top Gear. The latest sports cars from France (6928)
9.00 Red Dwarf V: Quarantine. More space-age comedy antics. Starring Chris Barrie and Craig Charles. (Ceefax) (s) (6522)



Repeated warnings: Captain Nick Barker and his ship (9.30pm)

9.30 War Stories: Nick Barker, Captain of HMS Endurance

© CHOICE: This first in a series of "personal views" of the
Falklands conflict is not calculated to please Mrs Thatcher. It
comes, ironically, not from some left-wing peacemonger but an
unashamed impenalist Nick Barker was captain of the Antarctic
patrol ship, HMS Endurance. Three times, in tate 1981 and early 1982, he sent warrings to London that Argentina was preparing for war against the Falklands. His messages were invocad, bettle was joined and 1,000 lives were lost. Barker claims that had he been istened to the deaths could have been avoided. But the Endurance was under threat from defence cuts and Whitehall saw Barker as playing politics. Although Barker's waws were reported in the press at the time, he could not speak publicly. Now, having It the Navy, he can. He does not pull punches. (Ceefax) (903299)

10.10 The Nicholas Craig Masterclass: Question Time

■ CHOICE. First seen in *The Alaked Actor*, Nicholas Craig (Nigel Planer) returns to instruct a class of students in the technic Planer) returns to instruct a class of students in the techniques of television. The format gives Planer a double comic edge. On one level he is parodying the acting workshop, with its earnest attention to technique and desperate attempts to be kind ("that was wonderful darling, but could we run through it just once more.")") At the same time, he takes a quizzical look at television genies, in this case the topical discussion show as represented by Question Time Planer's dissection of this programme and its mannerisms is acute and with. Using clips from the real thing to make his points, he is able to construct the ideal Question Time answer. After this it will be hard to watch Poter from the real thing to make his points, he is able to construct the ideal Question Time answer. After this it will be hard to watch Pater Sissons and his guests with a straight face. (Coefax) (s) (711947) 10.30 Budget Response by Alan Beith, treasury spokesman for the Liberal Democrat party (521589) 10.40 Newanight with Jeremy Paxman (790947) 11.35 The Late Show: John Lee Hooker and Friends. In concert at Sweetwater, Mill Valley in California (145928) 12.10mm Weather 12.15 Open University. Acceleration at Constant Speed? (1343771) 12.35 Weekend Outlook (8560923) 12.45 Cheltenham Festivel. Highlights of the final day's racing (s) (9043139). Ends at 1.10

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Thames News (6029386)
10.00 The Time . . . The Place . . . Topical debate (6578763)
10.40 This Morning. The daily magazine presented by Judy Firmigan and Richard Madeley (4330980). Including at 10.55 ITN News headlines, and at 11.55 Thames News

12.10 The Riddlers. Children's puppet series (\$240638)

12.30 TN Lunchtime News with Nicholas Owen and Sonia Russier. (Oracle) Weather (7612980) 1.10 Thamas News (77082183)

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5.10 Who's the Boss? American comedy series starring Tony Danza

5.40 I'M Early Evening News with John Suchet. (Oracle) Weather

(672657) 5.55 Thames Help with Jackie Spreckley (r) (997744)

6.00 Home and Away (r). (Oracle) (265)
6.30 Themes News. (Oracle) (367)
7.00 Emmerdale. (Oracle) (5299)
7.30 In Search of Wildlife: The Glants of South Luangwa. Wildlife artist David Shepherd Investigates what action is being taken to protect elephants in the Luangwa Valley in Zambia (251)



On the track of the IRA: Tony Scannell investigates (8.00pm)

8.00 The Bill: The Wild Rever. Concluding a two-part story, Reach (Tony Scannell) investigates a possible IRA cell (4947)
8.30 This Week: Raiders of the Rainforest. In association with Friends of the Earth, This Week reports on the allegedly frauchient misappropriation of sid money to revitalise Ghans's largest timber

masprophason or aid money to revisione Grana's largest timoer operation. (Oracle) (3454)

8.00 LA Law: Something Old, Something Mude. Grace Van Owen (Susan Dey) is persuaded to rejoin the Los Angeles law firm, and defends a battered wife who is charged with killing her husband. (Oracle) (2299)

10.00 News at Ten with Alastair Stewart and Trevor McDonald. (Oracle) Woodhar (6451) 10.30 Therman News (619016)

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10.50 Prisoner: Cell Block H (764021)

11.40 01. Actor Wilson Datoe and director Paul Schrader discuss the film, Light Sleepar; Tommy Steele talks about his role in Some Like it Hot; and music is provided by hinar City and the Beastie Boys. Presented by Richard Jobson and Peula Yales (s) (302676)

12.10em A Problem Alred. Dr John Cobb monitors the progress of David, who was obsessed with a past griffriend (8955110)

12.40 Affred Hitchcock Presenta: Driving Under the Influence, Eerle tale about a hit-end-run driver. Staming Mike Connors (7170665)

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a South Carolina heless are jeopardised by a jealous suitor. Directed by Jean-Paul Rappeneau. In French with English dislogue

3.00 The Truth About Women. Eve Pollero and guests discuss whether women need therepy more than men (37655)
3.30 Marphy's Law, American cornedy drams starring George Segal (r) (52874) 4.30 America's Top Ten (r) (s) (38394)

5.00 Videofashion, Lingerie as outerwear (1) (83315) 5.30 ITN Morning News with Tim Nellson (33232). Ends at 6.00

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6.00 Channel 4 Daily (3527305) 9.25 Schools (54914015)

12.00 The Parliament Programme. News from Westminster (61164)
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2.00 Film: The Daughter of Rosie O'Grady (1950). Thin musical cornedy starring June Haver who defies her father and follows in her late mother's vaudevillian footsteps. With Gordon MacRee. Directed by David Butler (2812)

4.30 Time to Talk. In the lest of the series, David Kossoff talks about his son's death, and his travelling one-man show which aims to dissuade people from becoming drug addlets (990)
4.39 Countdown. Quiz hosted by Paul Coia and Carol Vorderman. With

Nigel Rees in the dictionary corner (s) (164)
5.00 The Oprah Warfrey Show. Elizabeth Taylor, now aged 60, take

about her new life with husband Larry Fortensky (4529657)

5.50 Laurel and Hardy. Carton (r) (987367)

6.00 The Crystal Maze. Six more contestants enter the mysterious

world of games (s) (29676) 7.00 Channel 4 News. (Teletext) Weather (204639)

unt. A personal opinion on Adult Learners' Week (256589) 8.00 Free for All

● CHOICE: "When the news doesn't tell your side of the story," ● CHOICE: "When the news doesn't tell your side of the atory," invites Free For All, "write to us and set the record straight". Tonight the challenge is taken up by Brendan McNally of the animal rights movement. His contribution is likely to split many the strong down the middle, exploiting an obsessive love for animals while violating the tradition of settling debates by argument and not force. NcNelly's distaste for hunting, factory farming and vivisaction may command wide support. There will be less sympathy for wrecking butchers' shops and setting fire to denote the stores. McNelly outless opinion polls in his favour but department stores. McNally quotes opinion polls in his favour but the medical arguments about experiments on animals are too perfunctorily stated to sway opinions one way or the other (2589)



Scruffy love: Mike McShane and Sandi Toksvig (8.30pm) 8.30 The Big One: Tempers Fugit. Comedy series starring Sandi Toksvig and Mike McShane as op-habitating writers. Deddie becomes homicidal over James's obsession with tidiness (s)

9.00 The Trainer Wars. Today's high-tech performance shoes are a far cry from the original Dunlop sandshoe. This documentary examines the development of the trainer, one of the most lucrative and competitive businesses in the sport and leisure industry (r)

(3541)

10.00 The Camomile Lawn. Sexual favours abound in the second of a four-part adaptation of Mary Wesley's novel. Starring Felicity Kendal and Paul Eddington. (Teletext) (s) (4454229)

11.15 One Night Stand: Jake Johannssen. The correction in his oneman show in Chicago (954893)

11.35 Catch Five — Joseph Heller and Rembrandt. In the penultimats programme. Heller examines the painting, The Jewish Bride (795522)

11.40 Russian New Music: Letter from Volgograd, Featuring the 11-40 reasons new expect Letter from Volgograd, Féaturing the group Orkestrion, which blends elements of poetry and movement : 3 with sounds of industry, classical and ethnic music (300218)

12.10am Dark Lutisbies, Film-maker irane Angelico sets out to discover what happened in the Holocaust, and why (4323077)

1.15 The Street, American police drams series (3292619). Ends at 1.40

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4.10 Cho-Liang Lie, violin, with Peter Petinger, plano, play Stravinsky (Duo concertant); Besthows (Someta in G., Op. 5.00 BBC Scottleh Symphony Orchestra under Leopold Uncreates under Leopold Hager, plays Haydin (Symptony No 100 in G. matery). 5.30 Matery for Pleasure, with David Nice

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Cox, bass, as Arket, Semuel Surkey, treble, as Ynlold; Peter Massacchi, bass, as Shephard/Doctor, including 9.16 Richard Larghem reflects on the opera and talks about it with Petre Boule: 10.36 Dvecilis: Budapent Wind Ensemble under Keinen Before history Semants in D.

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10.00 As Act of Worship (LW only)
10.15 The Bible (LW only). Issueh.
Final episode
10.30 Women's Hour: Jenni Murray meets Helen Littman of the feshion company English Eccentrics; talks to Dr Pauline Cutting; and includes a feature on the new national forest

11,30 From Our Own Correspondent 12.90 News; You and Yours, with John Howard 12.75pm Back To Square One:

12.25pm Back 10 square one: Chris Sarie chairs the quiz game about the ongin of words and phrases (r) (s) 12.55 Weather 1.00 The World at One, with

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3.00 Prime Minister's Questions 3.00 Prime Minister's Questions (LW only) 3.40 Poetry Please! (FM only) 4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope: experiences

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the slave trade in Barry
Unsworth's novel Secred
Hunger, and reviews Claire
Luckham's new play about
autism. The Croce (s)
4.45 Short Story: Sun And Shadow
by Fione Barr. Read by Elsen

7.05 News
7.05 The Archere
7.19 Soundtrack (FM only):

© CHOICE: The jest we heard from John Williams was Monday night's final readings from his prison journals in Radio 4's Wings and Landings. He was about to be released on parole. Tonight, we learn what happened when the prison gates clanged.

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we learn what happened when the prison gates clanged behind him, and how he found "a strange sort of happiness" in the cemetery where he went to hid himself of the years that had long haunted him. Clearly, John Williams a odyssey is not going to end here. Radio 4 has committed fitself to charting the future course of this deeply introspective man (r) (s) 1 Woman's Hour (LW only) (r) Analysis: Unscepted Isles. Are the UK regions furthest from Europe's golden core from Europe's golden core destined to decline? David Walker asks if we need now

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Weather
10.60 The World Tonight (e)
10.35 The Budget: A statement on
behalf of the Uberal
Democrats by Alan Beith, MP,
spokesmen on Treasury and
Economic Affairs
10.45 A Book, At Bedtises: A Girl in
Winter (4 of 6)
11.00 Sex, Lies and Audiotape:
First of six comedies by Simon

First of six comedies by Senon Booker. Fun With Ice-Cream. Michael Aspet gets the chance to be nimed! as he interviews Marshe McCall, star of an American TV soap. But Matths is not neethers. both of an American 14 soap. Sur Mattha's got problems, both public and private (r) (a) 11.30 Today in Parliament 12.00ess News, incl 12.27 Weether 12.33 Shipping 12.45 World Service (LW only)

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